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ABSTRACT

This directory lists Hispanic organizations in the United States. Each listed organization serves and represents local Latino communities. Over the years, however, the directory has come to include more than organizational listings. Recent editions have included census data that provide a demographic profile of the national Latino community and a count of elected Hispanic officials nationally and for states with high concentrations of Latinos. Also included is information on how a bill becomes a law, how to write to a member of Congress, and how to obtain campaign financial data. National statistics are provided for Hispanic social, economic, employment, and educational attainment. Organizations are grouped by location into: (1) Washington, DC (34 organizations); (2) Puerto Rico (2 organizations); (3) the western United States (48 organizations grouped by state); (4) the southern United States (33 organizations, also by state); (5) the Midwest (11 organizations); and (6) the Northeast (20 organizations, by state). A "Building New Challenges" section discusses resources for community programs. (SLD)

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Message from the Chairman

I am honored to present the 1997-1998 edition of the National Directory of Hispanic Organizations. Philip Morris Companies Inc. has generously supported this important community resource since 1984.

Over the years, this directory has grown to include more than organizational listings. Recent editions have included census data that provide a demographic profile of the national Latino community. We honored such historical Hispanic men and women as Puerto Rican humanitarian and writer Eugenio Maria de Hostos, Cuban educator Felix Varela, and Mexican-American journalist Jovita Idar, whose lives made a difference within their communities.

In the 1993-1994 edition, we began to include a count of Hispanic elected officials nationally and for those states with high concentrations of Latinos. When you open this current edition to the National page, take a moment to savor our success. The number of Hispanic elected officials grew from 4,202 reported in the earlier edition to 4,787. The number of Latinas in elected office has grown by more than 755 since the publication of the 1993-1994 edition. Our strength and influence in Congress and at the state and local levels of government have grown significantly.

The purpose of this directory has remained consistent over the years. We offer it as a resource to organize around issues of concern to all of us. Each organization in this publication serves and represents local Latino communities. Imagine the collective strength of these organizations if they were to share information and mobilize their communities around common concerns!

Watch for a special version of this directory on the World Wide Web. It will be posted on the CHCI Web Site, which can be accessed at http://www.chci.org. I hope that as we find new avenues to provide this resource, we can develop the coalitions necessary to move forward on such important issues as quality education for our children and greater representation in the formulation of public policy for all Latinos. I am hopeful that the National Directory of Hispanic Organizations continues to be an integral part of that endeavor.

Hon. Xavier Becerra
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The United States is a mosaic of many proud and diverse cultures, and among the proudest and most diverse of all is the Hispanic culture. That's why Philip Morris, itself diverse in products and employees, once again is honored to sponsor the publication of the National Directory of Hispanic Organizations. The wide variety of organizations represented in this edition symbolizes the untold ways in which Hispanics continue to enrich and energize America.

People sharing information and working together in pursuit of common goals is a cornerstone of the democratic process and fundamental to the well-being of our communities and our country. We believe this directory helps to make that happen. It is a critical tool both for the members of our many Hispanic-American communities and for all Americans interested in this growing and productive segment of our population.

Philip Morris is dedicated not just to the principle, but also to the practice of diversity. And so we applaud the Congressional Hispanic Caucus Institute for continuing to make this directory possible. And we are privileged to be a part of its continuing effort to advance the interests and rights of Hispanic-Americans everywhere.

Taking a More Active, Informed Role

The Congressional Hispanic Caucus Institute offers the information contained in the following pages to encourage greater participation in the political process.

There are two articles in this section that are intended to give the readers of this directory a greater understanding of the formulation of public policy (How a Bill Becomes a Law) and how to make one's concerns known to his/her elected officials (How to Write a Member of Congress). The United States is a nation of laws and it is important to understand the process by which laws are established.

The United States is also a democracy, which is, by definition, a government by the governed. Our elected officials have the responsibility to represent us. It is the responsibility of each individual, however, to ensure that his/her Congressperson is aware of his/her position on the various issues.

Both the U.S. Senate and the U.S. House of Representatives maintain sites on the World Wide Web. The Senate site can be accessed at http://www.senate.gov. The House site can be accessed at http://www.house.gov.

How a Bill Becomes a Law

When someone has an idea for a bill, the very first step to take is to find a Member of Congress (the House or Senate) who will introduce the bill. When a bill is introduced, it is assigned a number by the clerk, and referred to the Congressional committee with jurisdiction over the subject matter in the legislation.

The committee Chair will determine the subcommittee to which the bill will be referred. The legislation is scrutinized through hearings at the subcommittee level — where witnesses with expertise in the subject, agency officials, and other Members of Congress will testify in support of or in opposition to the legislation. A majority of the members of the subcommittee must approve the bill before it is referred by that subcommittee to the full committee.

The full committee is the most critical test of the legislation. The full committee is charged with "marking up" the bill, which means adding final improvements to it. These improvements take the form of amendments at both the subcommittee and committee levels.

If the committee approves a bill, it may choose to recommend consideration of the bill to the Leadership. The Leadership in the House of Representatives works closely with the Rules Committee, which will often determine the time parameters of consideration, and which amendments may be offered to the bill when it is considered on the House floor.

After a bill passes both the House and the Senate by a majority vote, the Leadership of each chamber appoints a small number of Senators and Representatives (called "conferees") to comprise a "conference committee" charged with ironing out any differences in the legislation passed by both Houses of Congress. (There will always be differences in the language of separate bills.)

When the Conference Committee completes its work, it presents a "Conference Report" to each Chamber, which must pass the Conference Report. The Conference Committee is a little-known legislative entity, one that wields enormous power. Often, conferees will change whole aspects of a bill — usually out of the public eye.

After both the House of Representatives and the Senate have passed the Conference Report, the legislation is transmitted to the President for Executive action. The President can sign it, and the bill will become law. The President can veto the legislation by sending it back unsigned to the Chamber from which it originated, noting the objections to the bill. Congress can then either be resigned to the fate of the bill, or it can attempt to override the veto. To override a President's veto, each

Chamber of Congress must marshal two thirds of the votes of the Members of each Chamber on a constitutionally required roll call vote.

Given the complications inherent in the process, it is important to give some perspective to the probability of a bill actually *passing* Congress. Of the bills introduced, just over 10% are actually reported out of committees to the House floor — and below 5% ever become law. If a bill does not become law in one session of Congress, it must be reintroduced in the next session; it is not held over for the next Congress.

Selected Senate Committee Web Sites:

Appropriations can be accessed at http://www.senate.gov/committee/appropriations.html.

Budget can be accessed at http://www.senate.gov/committee/budget.html.

Selected House Committee Web Sites:

Appropriations can be accessed at http://www.house.gov/appropriations/.

Banking can be accessed at http://www.house.gov/banking/.

Budget can be accessed at http://www.house.gov/budget/.

International Relations can be accessed at http://www.house.gov/international_relations/.

Judiciary can be accessed at http://www.house.gov/judiciary/.

Veterans' Affairs can be accessed at http://www.house.gov/va/.

How to Write a Member of Congress

House Members and Senators often gauge their votes on legislation on how their constituents respond to it. They know that their response may dictate how you vote in the next election. A personal letter is the most effective form of written communication, not a postcard or a form letter. Your letter should be brief, informed and polite. Here are some tips:

- If your letter is typewritten, keep it to one page. If you are writing long-hand, be sure it is legible and do not write on the back of a page.
- State the purpose of your letter in a short first paragraph. Be sure to deal with only one subject. Use the rest of the letter to support your position.
- If you refer to a bill in your letter, give the name and number of the bill. You should also specifically mention the general area of concern to you (i.e., the environment, immigration, the budget, civil rights, the military, etc.).
- Use facts and figures to support your position and use information relating to how the bill will affect you and those you know. Avoid emotional or heated arguments.
- Indicate the adverse effects of the legislation you oppose, and suggest a better way to approach the problem.
- Request the legislator's views on the subject matter, but do not be demanding. Even if the legislator does not agree with you on this matter, he or she may agree with you on another.
- Write your name and return address legibly. The suggested address and salutation is:

  The Honorable _____
  United States Senate
  Washington, DC 20510

  Dear Senator _____

  The Honorable _____
  United States House of
  Representatives
  Washington, DC 20515

  Dear Congressman/woman _____

- Under your signature write your name and include your address and zip code.
- Check to see if your Senator or Congressman/woman maintains a site on the World Wide Web. If so, you might send your letter via e-mail.

How to Obtain Campaign Finance Data

Information relating to the campaign finances of a federal public official is available to the public through the Federal Election Commission (FEC) in Washington, DC. The names of those who contribute to political campaigns (both individuals and groups like Political Action Committees), and the amount of money contributed, are recorded at the FEC. You can get information about the FEC and the information they provide by calling, toll free, (800) 424-9530, or you can write or visit the FEC at 999 E Street, NW, Washington, DC 20463. The Federal Election Commission Web Site can be accessed at http://www.fec.gov.

National Statistics

Number of Hispanic Elected Officials: 4,787

Number of Female Hispanic Elected Officials: 1,662

Source: The NALEO Educational Fund, *1996 National Directory of Hispanic Elected Officials*

U.S. Hispanic Population Growth

Year	Population	Percentage of Increase
1980	14,609,000	
1990	22,354,000	53%
1995	26,994,000	20.7%

Source: U.S. Bureau of the Census, Resident Population by Age and Hispanic Origin: 1980 to 1995, Statistical Abstract of the United States 1996

Hispanic Social and Economic Characteristics

I. Educational Attainment (Persons 25 years old or over)

	High School Degree or Higher		Bachelor's Degree or Higher	
Total Hispanic	7,564,000	53.4%	1,311,000	9.3%
Mexican American	4,067,000	46.5%	572,000	6.5%
Puerto Rican	880,000	61.2%	153,000	10.6%
Cuban	531,000	64.8%	158,000	19.3%
Central or South American	1,337,000	64.2%	272,000	13.0%
Other Hispanic	749,000	68.4%	155,000	14.2%

II. Employment (Persons 16 years old or over)

	Employed	Unemployed	Unemployment Rate
Total Hispanic	11,127,000	1,140,000	9.3%
Mexican American	7,016,000	750,000	9.7%
Puerto Rican	974,000	123,000	11.2%
Cuban	568,000	45,000	7.4%
Central or South American	1,734,000	150,000	8.0%
Other Hispanic	835,000	72,000	7.9%

III. Median Income for Hispanic Families Number of Hispanic Families Below Poverty Line

Total Hispanic	$24,313	1,724,000	27.8%
Mexican American	$23,609	1,138,000	29.6%
Puerto Rican	$20,929	242,000	33.2%
Cuban	$30,581	45,000	13.6%
Central or South American	$26,558	196,000	24%
Other Hispanic	$28,658	105,000	21.4%

Source: U.S. Bureau of the Census, Resident Population by Age and Hispanic Origin: 1980 to 1995, Statistical Abstract of the United States 1996

ASPIRA Association, Inc.

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Principal Officials:

Ronald Blackburn-Moreno
National Executive Director

Raquel Ortiz
Chairperson

Established: 1961

ASPIRA was founded by a group of community leaders and professionals concerned by the alarming dropout rate of Hispanic students and social and economic conditions in the community. It is the first nonprofit organization in the United States dedicated to encouraging and promoting education and leadership development among Hispanic youth. Local ASPIRA offices in New York, New Jersey, Illinois, Florida, Pennsylvania, Puerto Rico and Connecticut offer youth leadership development and community service opportunities, and educational counseling for high school and college students. They also provide a forum for group discussion, workshops and tutoring. Local offices also provide assistance in applying for college admission, scholarships and loans. ASPIRA sponsors the following national community programs: the National Health Careers Program, the Public Policy Leadership Program, the ASPIRA AMERICORPS Program, the ASPIRA Parents for Educational Excellence (APEX) Program, the ASPIRA Mathematics and Science (MAS) Initiative, and the Teachers, Organizations and Parents for Students (TOPS) Program. These programs are designed to improve the quality of living and educational opportunities for the Hispanic community.

Publication:

Aspira News, free quarterly

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Principal Official:
Ms. Yvonne M. Vega
Executive Director

Established: 1971

AYUDA's mission is to serve the foreign-born, low-income community by providing high-quality legal services in the areas of immigration and domestic violence; advocating for and defending their legal and human rights; and empowering through education. AYUDA is a nonprofit, community-based organization, which has been providing bilingual and culturally sensitive services for the past 20 years. It has provided legal assistance on immigration matters to thousands of refugees and immigrants fleeing violence and persecution in their homelands. Assistance is given for political asylum, filing for family petitions, naturalization, advance parole, work authorization, and adjustment of status. Since the enactment of the Violence Against Women Act in Crime Bill 1994, AYUDA has served increasing numbers of battered immigrant women, who now may obtain legal status without the cooperation of their abusive spouse. AYUDA's policy and advocacy staff works at local, regional and national levels to strengthen the legal rights of battered immigrant women and children. Through training, publications, technical assistance on cases, and the participation in national coalitions, AYUDA provides information on the latest changes affecting the legal rights of battered immigrant women and children, as well as model programs for serving them.

Carecen
(Central American
Refugee Center)
1459 Columbia Road, NW
P.O. Box 43641
Washington, DC 20010
Tel: (202) 328-9799

Principal Official:
Saul Solorzano
Director

Established: 1981

CARECEN provides legal, educational, and advocacy services for Latinos in the District of Columbia metropolitan area. Our legal services focus on the immigration needs of Central Americans as well as assisting all Latinos with the naturalization process. In addition, the legal department provides counseling in such areas as employment and labor law, civil rights law, and housing. The educational and advocacy services offer courses to help permanent residents prepare for the naturalization exam and facilitate the process of leadership development within the area's Latino population.

Casa Del Pueblo

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Principal Officials:

Rev. Cristian de la Rosa
Executive Director

Orlando Barrios
President

Nitza Segui
Vice President

Established: 1985

Casa Del Pueblo is a community program in Washington, DC's Mount Pleasant-Columbia Heights neighborhood. It serves the educational, social, cultural, self-improvement and empowerment needs of Latin Americans, particularly those who have recently arrived in the United States from rural Central America. Casa del Pueblo has evolved into a pivotal community-based organization, uniquely able to serve the specific needs of Washington area Latinos. Through its language, cultural, children, and youth programs, Casa seeks to address such issues as the Central American community's limited access to and participation in the processes of self-determination because of cultural, linguistic, economic, educational and social isolation, alienation and discrimination.

Publication:

Caminando, monthly newsletter

Special Event:

Annual Celebration of Cultures

Congressional Hispanic Caucus

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Chairman

Hon. Nydia Velázquez
First Vice Chairwoman

Hon. Loretta Sanchez
Second Vice Chairwoman

Esther Aguilera
Executive Director

Established: 1976

The Congressional Hispanic Caucus (CHC) is dedicated to voicing and advancing, through the legislative process, issues affecting Hispanic Americans in the United States and the insular areas. Members include: Henry B. Gonzalez (D-TX), Solomon P. Ortiz (D-TX), Esteban E. Torres (D-CA), Jose E. Serrano (D-NY), Ed Pastor (D-AZ), Xavier Becerra (D-CA), Luis Gutierrez (D-IL), Robert Menendez (D-NJ), Carlos Romero-Barcelo (D-PR), Lucille Roybal-Allard (D-CA), Nydia Velázquez (D-NY), Robert Underwood (D-GU), Ruben Hinojosa (D-TX), Loretta Sanchez (D-CA) and Silvestre Reyes (D-TX).

Publication:

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Established: 1978

The Congressional Hispanic Caucus Institute, Inc. (CHCI) is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit, nonpartisan organization founded by the Hispanic members of Congress. The goal of this educational organization is to provide leadership development programs to young Latinos and Latinas. CHCI seeks to create greater avenues of access through which the Hispanic community can participate more fully in the democratic process. It serves as an educational clearinghouse for information on scholarships and financial aid opportunities accessible to Hispanic students through a toll-free phone number. Through its fellowship and internship programs, CHCI offers leadership development training to our community's future leaders by affording them the opportunity to learn the function and operation of the U.S. political system.

Publications:
The *Educational Quarterly* newsletter and the *National Directory of Hispanic Organizations*

Special Events:
Annual Fiesta de Golf – April; Annual Gala – September; periodic Issues Conferences

Foundation for the Advancement of Hispanic Americans

P.O. Box 66012
Washington, DC 20035
Tel: (703) 866-1578

Principal Official:
Dr. Pedro de Mesones
Founder President

Established: 1987

Nonprofit organization dedicated to extending the role of Hispanic culture, enhanced educational opportunities for Hispanics, more active participation in civic and social affairs, and the establishment of a mini-Marshall Plan to increase the economic opportunities for this population. This organization is dedicated to increasing the awareness of all Americans about historical facts pertaining to Hispanic heritage, and disseminates correct historical and geographical information about the Hispanic population in the United States.

Special Events:
Monthly lecture series on the Hispanic presence in the U.S. by renowned scholars and historians from leading universities and institutions of higher learning in this country.

Greater Washington Ibero-American Chamber of Commerce

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Washington, DC 20006
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Principal Officials:
Manuel Geraldo
Chairman and President

Ambassador Juan B. Sosa
Executive Vice President

Established: 1977

This is a nonprofit, membership organization whose goals are business and community development. The Chamber promotes the establishment and expansion of Hispanic-owned businesses in the Washington metropolitan area, which includes neighboring states of Virginia and Maryland. It provides the necessary tools and guidance for business development for Hispanic businesses. This is a membership organization; annual dues range from $50 to $250, and Corporate Pillars from $500 to $5,000.

Publication:
El Boletin, quarterly newsletter

Special Events:
Annual Gala Dinner Awards – May; monthly luncheons, seminars and workshops

Hispanic Association on Corporate Responsibility (HACR)

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Principal Officials:
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President

Edward G. Garza
Executive Director

Established: 1986

Founded as a coalition of the major national Hispanic community organizations in the United States, HACR is a nonprofit organization whose mission is "market reciprocity." This means the inclusion of Hispanics in corporate America at a level commensurate with our consumer spending. HACR focuses on four areas of corporate economic impact and refers to them as indicators of corporate responsibility and reciprocity: employment, procurement, philanthropy and governance. HACR's board of directors is comprised of the leadership of 11 national Hispanic organizations, and it offers membership to American corporations that assist HACR's mission and share in its vision. There are currently 21 corporate members, seven of which serve as an advisory panel.

Publications:
HACR Corporate Observer, bimonthly newsletter; *HACR Study on Corporate Governance*; *Hispanics in Corporate America*, published annually

Special Event:
Annual Symposium on Corporate Responsibility

Hispanic Council on International Affairs (HCIA)

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Principal Officials:

Ms. Rita DiMartino
Chair

Ms. Lisa Bedolla
Administrator

Established: 1995

The Hispanic Council on International Affairs is a nonprofit, nonpartisan organization dedicated to enhancing a Hispanic presence in U.S. foreign policy formulation. Members include appointed and elected officials, corporate and community leaders, and academicians.

Hispanic Designers, Inc. (HDI)

1000 Thomas Jefferson Street, NW, Suite 310
Washington, DC 20007
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Fax: (202) 337-9635

Principal Officials:

Penny Harrison
President

Elena Alvarado
Deputy Director

Established: 1984

Hispanic Designers, Inc., is a nonprofit 501(c)(3) education organization dedicated to highlighting Hispanic talent and cultural contributions to the design industry. HDI provides national programs showcasing Hispanic excellence to create educational opportunities and build public awareness about major issues affecting education, health and well-being for Hispanic Americans.

Special Event:

Hispanic Designers Gala Fashion Show & Benefit (September)

Hispanic Elected Local Officials Caucus

1301 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW
Washington, DC 20004
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Fax: (202) 626-3043

Principal Official:
Mary Gordon
Manager, Constituency Services

Established: 1976

This organization is a forum for exchange and communication among Hispanic local government officials within the framework of the National League of Cities (NLC). The objectives include: encouraging participation of Hispanic officials in NLC; identifying qualified Hispanic officials for service in NLC as well as for other national positions; promoting issues of interest to Hispanics and the status of Hispanics in U.S. cities; and establishing liaisons with other organizations concerned with municipal government or with issues of particular concern to the Hispanic community.

Special Events:
Congress of Cities – Winter; Congressional City Conference – Spring; Summer – Board of Directors Meeting, generally in conjunction with the National Association of Latino Elected and Appointed Officials Conference.

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President (1996-1997)

Greg Vega
President-Elect (1997-1998)

Loretta Gutierrez Nestor
Executive Director

Established: 1972

HNBA is a professional association dedicated to the advancement of Hispanics in the legal profession. It represents approximately 33,000 Hispanic attorneys, law professors, judges and law students in the United States and Puerto Rico. HNBA members represent the diversity of attorneys of Hispanic origin admitted to practice law in the United States; among them, Cuban-Americans, Mexican-Americans, Puerto Ricans and others.

Publications:
Noticias, quarterly newsletter; and *How to Become an Attorney, Guide for High School and College Students*.

Special Events:
Annual Convention – August, 1997 in Seattle, WA; October, 1998 in Albuquerque, NM.

Institute for Language and Cultures of the Americas

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Principal Officials:
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Established: 1981

The Institute for Language and Cultures of the Americas is an educational and cultural nonprofit organization. English as a Second Language, Spanish as a Second Language, Cross-cultural and Cultural Diversity Training, Job Readiness Skills, Literacy, and General Education Degree (GED) Prep are some of the programs offered.

Publications:
ILCA Newsletter; Language Learning Books

Special Event:
Annual Conference and Quarterly Arts Exhibition

Interamerican College of Physicians & Surgeons (ICPS)

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Principal Officials:
Rene F. Rodriguez, M.D.
President

Gonzalo Lopez, M.D.
Vice President

Michele J. Barranca, R.N., M.A.
Executive Director

Established: 1979

Founded as a nonprofit medical organization, ICPS is dedicated to representing Hispanic physicians in the western hemisphere and is committed to promoting the quality of health care for Hispanic communities. Its mission is to increase the number of Hispanic physicians in the United States and to advocate equitable health policy legislation. ICPS has also established academic and mentoring initiatives. The National Hispanic Mentor Recruitment Network (NHMRN) serves as a resource for career development and residency program selection. The National Hispanic Youth Initiative was established in 1988 to prepare, motivate and encourage Hispanic youth to pursue careers in health sciences and biomedical research.

Publications:

Medico Interamericano, monthly medical journal; *Medio de Familia*, monthly journal directed at the Hispanic community

Special Events:
Regional medical conferences

Labor Council for Latin American Advancement (LCLAA)

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Washington, DC 20006
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Principal Officials:
Henry C. Gonzalez
National President

Alfredo C. Montoya
Executive Director

Established: 1973

A national Hispanic trade union association representing 1.4 million Hispanic working men and women in 43 international unions in 45 chapters in 17 states and Puerto Rico, LCLAA strives to achieve social dignity, economic and political justice, and higher living standards for every Hispanic worker. The Council works within the labor movement to encourage non-partisan voter registration, voter education, and increased participation by Hispanic workers in the political process. LCLAA attempts to strengthen and improve trade unions by ensuring equal benefits and protection of union membership for all workers. As a nonprofit labor organization, the Council assesses members annual dues of $12.

Publication:
La Voz Latina, quarterly newsletter

Special Event:
LCLAA National Membership Meeting biennially

Latin American Management Association (LAMA)

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Washington, DC 20003-4007
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Toll Free: 1-888-526-2932
E-Mail: 103262.2257@compuserve.com
Web Site: http://ourworld.compuserve.com/homepages/LAMA_National

Principal Official:
Marina Laverdy
Executive Director

Established: 1973

LAMA is a nonprofit national trade association dedicated to the goal of advancing opportunities for the Hispanic and minority community in today's competitive business environment. It seeks to promote the interests of Hispanic and other minority-owned business firms through marketing and procurement information, education and training activities, publications, advocacy initiatives, outreach programs and electronic bulletin board services. LAMA's near 500 corporate members cover the entire business spectrum from manufacturing and high tech firms to service and construction. Membership dues range from $100/year to $1500/year.

Publications:
LAMA's *Watch on Washington*, monthly magazine, and various specialized handbooks on topics of importance to the minority business owner

Special Events:
Annual Legislative Fly-In, Issues Conference in June, and Recognition Dinner in November

League of United Latin American Citizens (LULAC)
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Suite 750
Washington, DC 20036
Tel: (202) 408-0060
Fax: (202) 408-0064
E-Mail: LULACDC@aol.com
Web Site:
http://www.LULAC.org

Principal Officials:
Belen Robles
National President
One State National Plaza
221 West Kansas, Suite 1211
El Paso, TX 79901
Tel: (915) 577-0720
Fax: (915) 577-0914

Brent A. Wilkes
Director of Policy and Development

Established: 1929

With approximately 115,000 members throughout the United States and Puerto Rico, LULAC is the largest and oldest Hispanic organization in the country. LULAC advances the economic condition, educational attainment, political influence, health and civil rights of Hispanic Americans through community-based programs operating at more than 600 LULAC councils nationwide. The organization involves and serves all Hispanic nationality groups. LULAC councils provide more than $500,000 in scholarships to Hispanic students annually, conduct citizenship and voter registration drives, develop low income housing units, conduct youth leadership training programs and seek to empower the Hispanic community at the local, state and national levels. The LULAC National Educational Service Centers provide counseling services to more than 18,000 Hispanic students each year at 16 regional centers. SER Jobs for Progress is LULAC's employment arm, and provides job skills and literacy training to the Hispanic community through more than 48 employment and training centers throughout the United States. The LULAC Corporate Alliance is an advisory board of Fortune 500 companies fostering stronger partnerships between corporate America and the Hispanic community.

Publication:
The LULAC News

Special Events:
National Convention & Exposition held annually during the last week of June. Anaheim, CA – June 22-28, 1997; Dallas, TX – June, 1998; Corpus Christi, TX – June, 1999

MANA, a National Latina Organization

1725 K Street, NW
Suite 501
Washington, DC 20006
Tel: (202) 833-0060
Fax: (202) 496-0588

Principal Official:
Elisa Sanchez
National President

Established: 1974

Feminism finds a voice in Hispanic communities with MANA, an association dedicated to advancing the status of American women of Hispanic descent. MANA hopes to reach this goal by promoting leadership among Hispanic women, advocating for public policies that benefit Latinas and their families, improving communication and furthering parity with Hispanics. A nonprofit corporation, MANA is financed by regular membership dues of $35 and by other donations. There are currently 16 MANA chapters.

Publication:
MANA Newsletter, published quarterly

Special Events:
Annual Luncheon Awards "Las Primeras" in September and Annual Leadership Development Conference held during the summer

Migrant Legal Action Program, Inc. (MLAP)

2001 S Street, NW
Suite 310
Washington, DC 20009
Tel: (202) 462-7744

Principal Officials:
Hon. Armando Rodriguez
Chairperson

Mr. Roger C. Rosenthal
President and Executive Director

Established: 1970

This advocacy and support organization was established to protect and further the rights and interests of migrant farmworkers. MLAP is not a membership organization. There are more than 50 migrant legal services field programs, numerous private attorneys and groups for which MLAP provides services, such as resource materials; technical assistance; policy development; litigation support; public education; and training on farmworker housing, labor conditions, and education. This organization relies on private funding.

Publication:
Field Memo, bimonthly newsletter

National Alliance of Spanish-Speaking People for Equality (NASSPE)

P.O. Box 2285
Washington, DC 20013
Tel: (202) 234-8198

Principal Official:
Dr. Miguel Sandoval
President

Established: 1970

A civil rights organization, the Alliance's major aim is the pursuit of equal rights for Hispanic people throughout the United States. Its efforts focus on equality of education, employment, living standards and conditions, and justice. With headquarters in Washington, DC, NASSPE works through active chapters located in New York and New Jersey, where the majority of the membership is concentrated, and in California, Florida, Maryland and Virginia.

National Association for Bilingual Education (NABE)

1220 L Street, NW
Suite 605
Washington, DC 20005-4018
Tel: (202) 898-1829
E-Mail: nabe@nabe.org

Principal Officials:
Janice Jones Schroeder
President

James Lyons
Executive Director

Established: 1975

An association of educators, parents, business people, college and university officials, paraprofessionals, and other interested individuals with the common goal of promoting bilingual education for linguistic minority populations, this organization holds as one of its first priorities the training of bilingual instructors, administrators, and other personnel. One of NABE's primary goals is to publicize quality bilingual curricula in educational programs serving all languages and to inform the public of the necessity of such programs. NABE is a nonprofit organization supported by annual dues.

Publications:
NABE News, issued eight times a year, and *NABE Journal*, published four times a year.

Special Events:
Annual Convention – February 24-28, 1998, Dallas, TX

National Association of Hispanic Journalists (NAHJ)

1193 National Press Building
Washington, DC 20045-2100
Tel: (202) 662-7145
Fax: (202) 662-7144

Principal Officials:

Dino Chiecchi
President

Nancy A. Baca
Vice President – Print

Cecilia Alvear
Vice President – Broadcast

Patrick Salazar
Executive Director

Established: 1984

The National Association of Hispanic Journalists (NAHJ) is dedicated to the recognition and professional advancement of Hispanics in the news industry. The NAHJ was founded to create a national voice and unified vision for all Hispanic journalists. The annual meeting of NAHJ is held in early summer and features an industrywide job fair, skills workshops and issues-oriented plenaries targeted for new and mid-career journalists, network and support opportunities for all journalists of color. The NAHJ Job Bank "800" number, for members only, is updated weekly. Scholarships and internships for Latino students of journalism are offered annually. Membership for working journalists, associated professionals, academic, student, individual and corporate sponsors.

Publication:

Quarterly newsletter

Special Events:

NAHJ Convention (June 4-9, 1997 in Seattle, WA; June 24-27, 1998 in Miami, FL; July 7-10, 1999, Unity 99; June 21-24, 2000 in Houston, TX); NAHJ National High School Writing Contest; Annual NAHJ professional awards; NAHJ scholarships, conferences and NAHJ Job Exchange

National Association of Hispanic Nurses (NAHN)

1501 16th Street, NW
Washington, DC 20036
Tel: (202) 387-2477
Fax: (202) 483-7183

Principal Official:

Dr. Antonia Villarruel
President

Established: 1974

The National Association of Hispanic Nurses (NAHN) strives to serve the nursing and health care delivery needs of the Hispanic community and the professional needs of Hispanic nurses. NAHN is designed and committed to improving the quality of health and nursing care for Hispanic consumers. This organization also strives to provide equal access to educational, professional, and economic opportunities for Hispanic nurses.

Publications:

The Hispanic Nurse (formerly *El Faro*) newsletter, and *Directory of Hispanic Nurses*

Special Event:

Annual Convention held in July

National Association of Hispanic Publications (NAHP)

652 National Press Building
Washington, DC 20045
Tel: (202) 662-7250
Fax: (202) 662-7251

Principal Officials:
Luis Rossi
President

Andres Tolvar
Executive Director

Established: 1982

The Association's work expands through seven regions and is composed of senior-level staff from over 800 Hispanic newspapers, magazines, and newsletters published in the United States. Its goals are to promote Hispanic media, provide incentives and opportunities for Hispanics to enter the media, encourage advertisers to place advertisements in Hispanic publications, and conduct research on the role and development of Hispanic media in the United States.

Publication:
The Hispanic Press Quarterly

Special Event:
Annual Convention

National Coalition of Hispanic Health & Human Services Organizations (COSSMHO)

1501 16th Street, NW
Washington, DC 20036
Tel: (202) 387-5000

Principal Official:
Dr. Eric Delgado
President and Chief Executive Officer

Established: 1973

With over 1,300 health and human service providers as members, COSSMHO is committed to improving the health and psychological well-being of all Hispanics. COSSMHO conducts policy and research studies, operates national and local programs, and develops bilingual and bicultural materials. COSSMHO also operates Hispanic Health Link, a computer network for Hispanic community-based organizations.

Publications:
Numerous. Call (202) 387-5000 for a catalog of publications and videos.

Special Events:
COSSMHO Conference (biennially).
Hispanic Health Leadership Awards

National Conference of Puerto Rican Women (NACOPRW)

5 Thomas Circle, NW
Washington, DC 20005
Tel: (202) 387-4716

Principal Official:
Lydia M. Sosa
National President

Established: 1972

The National Conference of Puerto Rican Women (NACOPRW) is a nonprofit, nonpartisan national organization that promotes the equal participation of Puerto Rican and all other Hispanic women in their educational, social, economic and political life in the United States and Puerto Rico.

Publication:
Ecos Nacionales, newsletter

Special Event:
Annual Conference

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National Council of La Raza (NCLR)

1111 19th Street, NW
Suite 1000
Washington, DC 20036
Tel: (202) 785-1670
Fax: (202) 785-0851

Principal Officials:
Raul Yzaguirre
President and Chief Executive Officer

Irma Flores-Gonzales
Chair of the Board

Established: 1968

The National Council of La Raza (NCLR) is a private, nonprofit, nonpartisan organization established in 1968 to reduce poverty and discrimination and improve life opportunities for Hispanic Americans. NCLR is the nation's largest constituency-based Hispanic organization annually serving all Hispanic nationality groups in all regions of the country through a formal network of affiliates — over 200 Hispanic community-based organizations in 37 states, Puerto Rico, and the District of Columbia — and a broader network of more than 20,000 groups and individuals nationwide. Capacity-building assistance to support and strengthen local Hispanic groups — provided from NCLR's Washington, DC headquarters and its field offices in Los Angeles, Phoenix, Chicago and San Antonio — focuses on resource development, program operations, management and governance, as well as program-specific services in HIV/AIDS, employment and training, education, leadership, health, and housing and community development. NCLR's Policy Analysis Center is the leading Washington-based Hispanic "think tank"; its unique capacity to provide timely policy analyses, combined with its considerable advocacy expertise, a reputation for political independence, and an identifiable constituency, permits NCLR an important role in policy and advocacy efforts on issues such as immigration and education, as well as other areas of broad concern, from free trade to affordable housing, health policy and tax reform.

Publications:

NCLR publishes a quarterly newsletter, *Agenda*, as well as other issue-specific newsletters in education, poverty, HIV/AIDS, and the elderly. NCLR's extensive series of poverty reports and training modules are briefly described in its Publications Guide.

Special Events:
Congressional Awards Dinner – February
March: Annual Conference – July

National Hispanic Caucus of State Legislators (NHCSL)

444 North Capitol Street, NW
Suite 404
Washington, DC 20001
Tel: (202) 434-8070
Fax: (202) 434-8072

Principal Officials:

Hon. Efrain Gonzalez
President

Hon. Jeannie C. Reeser
Vice President

Hon. Raul Rudy Garcia
First Vice President

Hon. Richard Polanco
Second Vice President

Mrs. Sonia Viera
Executive Director

Established: 1989

The National Hispanic Caucus of State Legislators is a nonprofit, nonpartisan organization of state legislators across the nation, Puerto Rico, and the U.S. Virgin Islands. Its mission is to organize, educate and focus the energies of approximately 250 Hispanics who comprise its membership in order to have a positive impact on their communities. NHCSL advocates for better housing, education, health care, and business opportunities in the private and public sectors for Hispanics and other disadvantaged groups nationwide.

Publications:

NHCSL Membership Newsletter; NHCSL Membership Roster

Special Event:

Annual Conference with National Conference of State Legislators – July/August

National Hispanic Council on Aging (NHCoA)

2713 Ontario Road, NW
Washington, DC 20009
Tel: (202) 265-1288
Fax: (202) 745-2521

Principal Officials:

Dr. Marta Sotomayor
Executive Director

Lydia Buki, Ph.D.
Program Director

Established: 1980

NHCoA is a membership-based, nonprofit, tax exempt organization concerned with all issues affecting the Latino elderly, families and communities. The NHCoA carries out its advocacy function through demonstration projects, development of educational materials, policy analysis, research, housing development, and the provision of technical assistance on planning, program development, and evaluation to its nationwide network, consisting of chapters, affiliates, and organizational members. Its work focuses on the development of demonstration projects, educational materials, research and policy analysis, advocacy, and as an information center for materials regarding the Hispanic elderly. NHCoA is affiliated with the American Society on Aging and the Gerontological Society of America. The organization works through chapters in several states. A membership organization, NHCoA charges annual dues ranging from $5 to a lifetime membership of $1,000. Membership in NHCoA is free of charge for persons over 55 years of age. The NHCoA's Institute on Hunger and Poverty focuses on promoting federal and state policies that eradicate hunger.

Publications:

The Hispanic Elderly: A Cultural Signature; *Elderly Latinos: Issues and Solutions for the Next Century*; *In Triple Jeopardy: Aged, Hispanic Women: Insights and Experiences*; *Culture and Tradition: the Latino Elderly*; *Noticias*, a quarterly bilingual newsletter; *Action Alerts*; and "Nosotros Los Viejos: Your Challenge, Your Reward" (video).

Special Events:

Biennial national conference; regional workshops, community forums, and town hall meetings in collaboration with chapters and affiliates

National Puerto Rican Coalition, Inc. (NPRC)

1700 K Street, NW
Suite 500
Washington, DC 20006
Tel: (202) 223-3015
Fax: (202) 429-2223

Principal Official:
Manuel Mirabal
President

Established: 19--

The primary mission of the National Puerto Rican Coalition is to strengthen and enhance the social, economic, and political well-being of all Puerto Ricans throughout the United States and Puerto Rico. NPRC evaluates the potential impact of legislative and government proposals and policies affecting the Puerto Rican community. NPRC provides technical assistance and training to Puerto Rican organizations. A non-profit organization, NPRC is funded by contributions, foundations, and corporate grants.

Publication:
NPRC Reports, monthly newsletter

Special Events:
Training Seminars, Policy Forums, Annual Conference and Membership Meeting

Republican National Hispanic Assembly of the United States (RNHA)

600 Pennsylvania Avenue, SE
Suite 300
Washington, DC 20003
Tel: (202) 662-1455
Fax: (202) 662-1408

Principal Officials:
Antonio Monroig
Chairman

Jaime A. Guzman-Fournier
Executive Director

Established: 1972

Seeks to develop a strong, effective and informed Republican Hispanic constituency; encourages able and qualified Americans to seek office at all levels of government; provides information and offers advisory services to Republican candidates, officeholders, and party organizations on issues concerning the Hispanic community of the United States. RNHA is the official Hispanic Auxiliary of the Republican National Committee.

Publication:
American Hispanic Newsletter

Special Events:
Republican outreach efforts throughout the year; Annual National Hispanic Heritage Leadership Conference

Secretariat for Hispanic Affairs of the National Conference of Catholic Bishops

United States Catholic Conference
3211 4th Street, NE
Washington, DC 20017
Tel: (202) 541-3150
Fax: (202) 541-3322

Principal Officials:
Most Reverend
Gerald Barnes
Chairman – Bishops' Committee on Hispanic Affairs

Ronaldo Cruz
Director

Established: 1948

The Secretariat serves the national office of the Catholic bishops of the United States in advocating for Hispanic Latino pastoral and public policy issues. It promotes an understanding of the Hispanic Latino perspective in public policy discussions at the United States Catholic Conference, and serves as a bridge with the local community through a network of eight regional offices, 150 diocesan coordinators and 3,000 Spanish-speaking parishes in the United States. Through its national Talent Bank, the secretariat promotes the placement of Hispanic Latinos in key positions in church and society.

Publication:
En Marcha, bimonthly newsletter

Special Events:
Bishops General Meetings – June and November

United States Hispanic Chamber of Commerce (USHCC)

1030 15th Street, NW
Suite 206
Washington, DC 20005
Tel: (202) 842-1212
Fax: (202) 842-3221

Principal Officials:
Jose E. Nino
President/CEO

Jorge Franchi
Senior Vice President - Finance

Established: 1979

The U.S. Hispanic Chamber of Commerce (USHCC) is the leading organized business group in the nation promoting Hispanic economic interests. USHCC represents national and international business networks dedicated to the development of Hispanic enterprise.

Publications:
Networking, bimonthly newsletter; Annual Convention Magazine; and legislative updates

Special Events:
National Convention, legislative forums, and International Banquet

White House Office of Public Liaison

Hispanic Liaison
Room 122
Old Executive Office Building
Washington, DC 20500
Tel: (202) 456-2930
Fax: (202) 456-6218

Principal Official:
Suzanna Valdez
Special Assistant to the President

This office serves as a liaison between The White House and Hispanic groups in the United States. It works to ensure that the Hispanic community has the opportunity to present policy concerns and recommendations to The White House and that those concerns and recommendations are integrated in the policy-making process. Also, it organizes briefings, discussion sessions, and other events.

Puerto Rico

Carlos Romero-Barcelo (D-PR)
Elected to serve in the 103rd Congress, 1992

Ateneo Puertorriqueño
Box 71180
San Juan, PR 00902
Tel: (809) 722-4839

Principal Officials:
Eduardo Morales Coll, Esq.
President
Prof. Roberto Ramos Perea
Executive Director

Established: 1876

The oldest cultural institution in Puerto Rico, Ateneo Puertorriqueño is a depository of treasures in works of art, literature, historical documents, and memorabilia. This institution is still the same free forum, firm on the same purposes that inspired its creation more than a hundred years ago. Since its inception, Ateneo Puertorriqueño has had its program of lectures, forums, and publications on the most diverse themes. Also, it offers literary contests, annual art competitions, and short academic courses. These efforts strongly encourage the intellectual and artistic development of Puerto Rico and turned the Ateneo into its most important cultural center.

Cámara de Comercio de Puerto Rico
P.O. Box 3789
San Juan, PR 00902-3789
Tel: (787) 721-6060
Fax: (787) 723-1891

Principal Officials:
Hector Reichard de Cardona, Esq.
President
Edgardo Bigas
Executive Vice President

Established: 1913

Cámara de Comercio de Puerto Rico is a non-profit organization which serves as the liaison organization between commercial and government agencies and the community. The organization provides legal, economic, and commercial counsel to its more than 1,700 members, and operates through funds obtained from membership dues and donations.

Publications:
Camara en Accion, a monthly newsletter; *The Maritime Register*, monthly magazine; and a bimonthly magazine called *Comercio y Produccion*

Special Event:
Annual Convention – June

Western Organizations

Number of Hispanic Elected Officials: 1,795

Number of Female Hispanic Elected Officials: 496

Source: The NALEO Educational Fund
1993 National Directory of Hispanic Elected Officials

Centro Latinoamericano

944 West 5th Street
Eugene, OR 97402
Tel: (503) 687-2667
Fax: (503) 687-7841

Principal Officials:
Jayme Vasconcellos
Executive Director

Steve Bender
Board President

Richard Varela
Public Relations Manager

Established: 1972

Centro Latinoamericano is the largest and oldest Hispanic social services agency in the state of Oregon. The organization administers 12 programs.

Special Event:
Noche Cultural (Annual Dinner)

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National Association for Chicana and Chicano Studies (NACCS)

National Office

Chicano Education Program
Eastern Washington University
Monroe Hall 202, MS-170
Cheney, WA 99004
Tel: (509) 359-2404
Fax: (509) 359-2340

Principal Official:

Dr. Carlos S. Maldonado
Director, NACCS National Office

Established: 1972

The goal of this association is to build Chicano political, cultural, and educational awareness. Its members include educators and researchers affiliated with Chicano Studies programs in the United States, students, and community members. It operates as a clearinghouse for information on Chicano Studies programs and research. This association is governed by a national board, comprised of regional representatives.

Publications:

National Association for Chicana and Chicano Studies, quarterly newsletter; Annual NACCS Conference Proceedings

Special Event:

NACCS National Conference – Spring

Nevada Association of Latin Americans (NALA)

523 N. Maryland Parkway
Las Vegas, NV 89101-3130
Tel: (702) 382-6252

Principal Official:

Dr. Avi L. Almeida
President & CEO

Established: 1969

This association encourages the economic and educational development of Latin Americans. Its programs and services include job referral, English as a second language instruction, translation, AIDS education and awareness, day care, and senior nutrition. A nonprofit corporation, NALA is underwritten by federal, state, and local funds, as well as by grants from private industry. NALA is affiliated with the National Council of La Raza and is a United Way member agency.

Nevada Hispanic Services, Inc. (NHS)

190 E. Liberty Street
P.O. Box 11735
Reno, NV 89501
Tel: (702) 786-6003

Principal Officials:

Laura Vargas
Vice Chairperson

Dr. Emma Sepulveda
President

Suzanne Ramos
Executive Director

Established: 1975

As an advocate for Hispanics in northern Nevada, Nevada Hispanic Services is primarily concerned with improving access to available community services. The organization develops and administers programs to afford Hispanics the skills, knowledge, motivation, and opportunities to become self-sufficient. NHS has an AIDS/HIV outreach component, and assistance for those immigrants who are working to become legalized citizens. A nonprofit corporation, Nevada Hispanic Services is funded by United Way of America and the City of Reno, City of Sparks, Washoe County and the Nevada State Health Department.

Publication:

Que Pasa! – quarterly newsletter

Special Events:

5 de Mayo Carnival – May; Adelante Awards Dinner; Heritage Day (September 15) at the University of Nevada, Reno

State of Utah Governor's Office on Hispanic Affairs

Department of Community and Economic Development
324 South State Street
Suite 500
Salt Lake City, UT 84114-2870
Tel: (801) 538-8850
Fax: (801) 538-8678

Principal Official:

Lorena Riffo
Director

Established: 1973

The mission of the State of Utah Governor's Office on Hispanic Affairs is to routinely apprise the governor regarding issues which impact the Hispanic community. The office also works with other state agencies/programs, including the evaluation of their responsiveness in implementing solutions to economic, educational, and social concerns of Hispanics in Utah. As part of the mission, the Office of Hispanic Affairs also assists the 13-member Hispanic Advisory Council in fulfilling its mandate to promote economic development programs within the Hispanic community and facilitate communication between state government and the ethnic communities of Utah.

Publication:

Hispanic Affairs, quarterly newsletter

Utah Coalition of La Raza (UCLR)

Sorenson Multicultural Center
855 West California Avenue
Salt Lake City, UT 84104
Tel: (801) 972-1888
Fax: (801) 974-2401

Principal Officials:
John Medina
Chairman

Chris Segura
Executive Director

Established: 1991

This organization is a coalition of Hispanic community-based organizations. UCLR addresses issues ranging from economic development to education reform.

Special Events:
Utah Hispanic Unity: A Youth Leadership Conference; Annual César Chávez Luncheon on Columbus Day (Día de la Raza)

Washington Commission on Hispanic Affairs

1210 Eastside Street
First Floor, P.O. Box 40924
Olympia, WA 98504-0924
Tel: (360) 753-3159
Fax: (360) 753-0199
E-Mail: hispanic@halcyon.com

Principal Official:
Roberto Reyes-Colon
Executive Director

Established: 1971

The Commission fulfills its mission by advising all branches of state government regarding the needs and concerns of Washington's Hispanic community. Part of its role is to advise state government regarding the development and implementation of comprehensive and coordinated policies, plans, and programs focusing on the Hispanic community. Prior to 1987, this organization operated under the name of Commission on Mexican-American Affairs.

Publications:
El Noticiero, bimonthly newsletter and *Washington State Hispanic Resource Directory*

Ed Pastor (D-2nd District)
Elected to fill vacancy in 102nd Congress, 1991

Chicanos Por La Causa, Inc.
1112 East Buckeye Road
Phoenix, AZ 85034
Tel: (602) 257-0700
Fax: (602) 254-4920

Principal Officials:
Pete C. Garcia
President and Chief Executive Officer
Jimmy Vigil
Chairperson

Established: 1969

A community development corporation (CDC), Chicanos Por La Causa's goals are to provide greater opportunities, work with dignity, and self-sufficiency for Hispanic communities. It is an advocate for leadership, promoting Hispanic heritage. Chicanos Por La Causa oversees programs involving manpower, housing, social services, and rural economic development throughout the State of Arizona. The organization provides services in the areas of employment referral, training, housing for the elderly, immigration, teen pregnancy, youth programs, behavioral health programs, and substance abuse rehabilitation. It also operates a domestic violence shelter, an in-patient substance abuse facility and a credit union. Chicanos Por La Causa maintains 6 apartment complexes, dedicated to the elderly, the handicapped, and low income residents. It is a nonprofit corporation funded by federal and foundation grants and other public contributions, operating in 25 different cities, with 30 offices providing services to 45,000 people annually.

Special Events:
Annual Fund-raising Dinner – May; Community Children's Christmas Parties in Tucson, Phoenix and Somerton – December

Consortium to Identify & Promote Hispanic Professionals

Hispanic Research Center
P.O. Box 87-2702
Arizona State University
Tempe, AZ 85287-2702

Principal Officials:
Michael Sullivan
Director

Sonia M. Honne
Program Coordinator

Established: 1993

The Hispanic Experts Database is a national clearinghouse of Hispanic professionals. This electronic database is continually updated and contains information on a variety of educational and professional development opportunities.

National Hispanic Corporate Council (NHCC)

2323 N. 3rd Street
Suite 101
Phoenix, AZ 85003
Tel. (602) 495-1988
Fax. (602) 495-9085

Principal Officials:
Sonia Maria Green
President

Joanne Samora
Executive Director

Established: 1985

NHCC is an organization comprised of Fortune 500 companies that concentrates on the business interests of corporate America and the Hispanic community. NHCC is governed by a board of directors composed of 15 Fortune 500 corporate representatives. All members recognize the importance of the Hispanic market and the need to target it directly in all economic areas.

Publications:
The Hispanic Corporate Network, quarterly newsletter, and an annual report

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Graduate College
Box 871003
Arizona State University
Tempe, AZ 85287-1003
Tel: (602) 965-3958
Toll Free: 800-527-4893
E-Mail: project1000@asu.edu
Web Site:
http://mati.eas.asu.edu:8421/p1000

Principal Officials:
Michael Sullivan
Director

Sonia M. Homme
Outreach & Development
Coordinator

Established: 1988

Project 1000 is a national program created to assist underrepresented students applying to graduate school. Project 1000 centralizes and facilitates the graduate school application process by greatly reducing the expenses normally involved in applying to graduate school. Students may apply to seven of the over 80 participating Project 1000 institutions by using one application. Participation is free of charge to eligible students and participating institutions. Special features include bilingual academic advisors, Graduate Record Examination (GRE) workshops and toll-free access to academic advisors.

California

Esteban E. Torres
(D-34th District)
Elected to serve
in the 98th
Congress, 1982

Xavier Becerra
(D-30th District)
Elected to serve
in the 103rd Congress, 1992

Lucille Roybal-Allard
(D-33rd District)
Elected to serve in the 103rd
Congress, 1992

Loretta Sanchez
(D-46th District)
Elected to serve in the 105th
Congress, 1996

Matthew G. Martinez
(D-31st District)
Elected to fill a vacancy in
the 97th Congress, 1982

Source: The NALEO Educational Fund, 1996
National Directory of Hispanic Elected Officials

Asociacion Nacional Pro Personas Mayores (ANPPM)

National Association for Hispanic Elderly

3325 Wilshire Boulevard
Suite 800
Los Angeles, CA 90010
Tel: (213) 487-1922
Fax: (213) 385-3014

Principal Official:
Carmela G. Lacayo
President and Chief Executive Officer

Established: 1975

ANPPM was founded to inform policy makers and the general public regarding the status and needs of elderly Hispanics and other low-income elderly persons. An advocate for elderly Hispanics, this organization provides direct social services, such as employment, housing, health and education, SSI outreach and counseling, marketing ideas, and provides training and technical assistance to community groups and professionals in the field of aging. Through its National Hispanic Research Center, it conducts national gerontological studies on the Hispanic community. ANPPM is funded through a variety of federal, state, foundation and corporate funding. Dues are $75 annually for organizations, $50 for professionals, $25 for students and paraprofessionals, and $5 for senior citizens. The organization produces and distributes bilingual information on the Hispanic elderly through its national Hispanic Media Center, and sponsors the Fleming Hispanic Scholarship Fund.

Publications:
Newsletter; the ANPPM Report (six times per year)

Special Events:
Periodic conferences on Hispanic and other low-income elderly

Bilingual Foundation of the Arts (BFA)

421 North Avenue 19
Los Angeles, CA 90031
Tel: (213) 225-4044
Fax: (213) 225-1250

Principal Officials:
Carmen Zapata
President and BFA Producing Director

Robert J. Gomez, Esq.
Chairman

Established: 1973

The Bilingual Foundation of the Arts was founded for the purpose of presenting Hispanic world drama to an audience of English and Spanish speaking people. It seeks to bring the community together in recognition and celebration of Hispanic cultural diversity through its theatrical art and dramatic literature. BFA further seeks to build an enduring, bilingual theatre institution of international stature. BFA's programs annually serve more than 125,000 adults and children for whom theatre is often a new experience. It operates six major programs that include Theatre Teatro (mainstage productions); Touring program; Teatro Leido (theatrical readings); Teatro Para Los Ninos; Teatro Para Los Jovenes; and Translations.

Special Events:
Performances (Call for schedule.)

California Chicano Media Association (CCNMA)

USC School of Journalism
727 West 27th Street
Los Angeles, CA 90007
Tel: (213) 743-2440
Fax: (213) 744-1809
Web Site and Job Line:
http://www.ccnma.org

Principal Officials:
Sid Garcia, KFSN-TV
President

Frank del Olmo
Los Angeles Times
Board Member

Al Reyes
Executive Director

Established: 1972

CCNMA is a nonprofit professional journalism group founded to promote and foster opportunities for Latinos interested in pursuing careers in the news media. Developing and expanding opportunities for employment and advancement are also goals. CCNMA now has 9 chapters throughout California with approximately 500 members nationwide. Two principal events are the Journalism Opportunities Conference and the Annual Joel Garcia Memorial Scholarship Banquet. To date, 300 students have received more than $500,000 in scholarships raised by this event.

Publication:
El Sol, monthly newsletter

Special Events:
Annual CCNMA Scholarship Banquet – May; Annual Journalism Opportunity Conference – October; and Journalism Workshops – Summer

California Hispanic Psychological Association (CAHPA)

325 S. Hidalgo Avenue
Suite 3
Alhambra, CA 91801
Tel: (818) 458-2243

Principal Official:
Sergio Martinez-Romero, Ph.D.
President

Established: 1980

CAHPA is a nonprofit, 501(c)(3) professional association, incorporated in the State of California. Among its aims are: the advancement of the science of psychology among Hispanics; a forum for professional and personal growth; and advocacy for the Hispanic community to obtain needed psychological services. CAHPA is a professional participating association; its products are limited to the interests and dedication of its members. The annual dues for participating professionals are $45, and $25 for students.

Publication:
El Psicologo, bimonthly magazine

Special Events:
Annual General Membership Meeting and Fund-raiser; Professional Conferences

Central California Hispanic Chamber of Commerce

1900 Mariposa Mall
Suite #105
Fresno, CA 93721
Tel: (209) 485-0640
Fax: (209) 485-3738

Principal Officials:
Frank Ferrer
President (1997)
Lou Martinez
President (1998)

Established: 1984

The mission of the Central California Hispanic Chamber of Commerce is to promote, stimulate and support Hispanic-owned business. The Chamber will create, maintain and improve a favorable business environment which strengthens the financial position of its members and contributes to the socioeconomic well-being of the community.

Special Events:
Installation Dinner on February 7, 1997; Second Annual Latina Women's Conference on May 16, 1997; Annual Fiesta Golf Classic on June 21, 1997 and the 9th Annual Hispanic Business Conference on October 9, 1997

El Centro Chicano

University of Southern California
817 West 34th Street
Room 300
Los Angeles, CA 90089-2991
Tel: (213) 740-1480

Principal Official:
Prof. Abel Amaya
Director

Established: 1973

El Centro works to promote student retention and development. It serves as a network for Chicano/Latino students to develop their leadership aptitude. Through retention scholarships, El Centro provides students an opportunity to study, while learning to utilize their skills through a work development program. One requirement for students to participate in the program is that they must stay in school and graduate. In addition, El Centro supports and advises the Chicano/Latino student organizations on the campus. El Centro is geared toward the promotion of full participation in campus life.

Publications:
Public information brochures

Special Event:
Unity Banquet (fund-raiser) – last week in March

Future Leaders of America (FLA)

1110 Camellia Street
Oxnard, CA 93030
Tel/Fax: (805) 485-5237

Principal Official:
Gilbert G. Cuevas
Founding President

Established: 1985

The FLA mission is to teach leadership skills and inculcate in Latino youth a deeper understanding and appreciation of responsible leadership in a democratic society. It recruits 14 and 15 year old honor students from six geographic areas in California and two in Mexico for an entry level program of seven days. One and two day seminars are offered at major universities in California and Mexico during the academic year.

Special Events:
U.S. – Mexico Youth Leadership Encounters in Washington, DC and Mexico, DF

Hispanic Coalition on Higher Education

785 Market Street
Third Floor
San Francisco, CA 94103
Tel: (415) 284-7220

Principal Officials:
Dr. Roberto Haro
Chairman

Guillermo Rodriguez, Jr.
President and CEO

Established: 1988

The Hispanic Coalition on Higher Education was established to represent Latino higher educational interests to federal and state legislative bodies. The Coalition serves as a policy and research center for member organizations.

Publication:
Latino Report on Higher Education

Special Event:
Chicano-Latino Intersegmental Convocation

Hispanic Community Foundation

2601 Mission Street
Suite 708
San Francisco, CA 94110
Tel: (415) 550-0785
Fax: (415) 550-0437

Principal Officials:
James C. Diaz
Interim Executive Director
Susan Mendez
Operations Manager

Established: 1989

The Hispanic Community Foundation (HCF) is a regional nonprofit community foundation. It was established to improve the well-being of Hispanics throughout the San Francisco Bay Area. By strengthening giving and volunteering, HCF enhances opportunities for self-help, empowerment, and participation in affairs that positively impact the lives of Latinos and the communities where they live and work. HCF believes in building partnerships and collaborations with individual donors, corporations, foundations, and other funders, thereby enabling all funders to realize their charitable and social participation objectives.

Special Event:
Annual National Hispanic Heritage Month Luncheon

Hispanic Public Relations Association (HPRA)

87 North Raymond Avenue
Suite 400
Pasadena, CA 91103
Tel: (818) 793-9335
Fax: (818) 440-5263

Principal Officials:
M. Lissette Flores
President
Mona Rivera
Vice President – Programming
Roberta Tinajero
Vice President – Membership

Established: 1984

HPRA was founded for the purpose of establishing a network of Hispanics employed in the public relations profession in the Southern California region. A nonprofit, educational organization, HPRA offers its members the opportunity to exchange ideas and experience. The organization promotes professional development through educational programs, provides assistance to students, and advocates responsible coverage of issues and images affecting the Hispanic community.

Publication:
El Communicado, newsletter

Hispanic Women's Council of California

3509 W. Beverly Boulevard
Montebello, CA 90640
Tel: (213) 725-1657

Principal Official:
Mary George
Executive Director

Established: 1973

The Council is a nonprofit organization providing motivation and opportunity for Hispanic women to become effective participants in their community. It strives to improve the status of Hispanic women through education and career development activities, with emphasis on the enhancement of leadership skills and social consciousness. It provides positive role models and motivational youth programs. This organization is affiliated with the National Council of La Raza.

Publication:
Hispa News, quarterly newsletter

Special Event:
Women for Success Awards Dinner – April

Latin Business Association (LBA)

5400 E. Olympic Boulevard
Suite 130
Los Angeles, CA 90022
Tel: (213) 721-4000
Fax: (213) 722-4000
E-Mail: LBA@worldnet.att.net
Web Site:
http://www.lbausa.com

Principal Officials:
Frank Moran
President
Jose Gonzalez
Executive Director

Established: 1976

LBA is a nonprofit trade association, providing business development services to Hispanic entrepreneurs. Its primary goal is to actively promote the economic growth and development of Hispanic business within the public and private sectors through interaction with the mainstream American marketplace. This organization is a source for corporate America to locate qualified vendors and or business opportunities in the Hispanic market. LBA provides educational workshops on marketing procedures, advertising, accounting, and management. With over 700 members throughout the nation, LBA supports a variety of community and charitable functions each year.

Publication:
LBA Business Journal, monthly magazine

Special Event:
Annual Awards Banquet – March

Latino Issues Forum (LIF)

785 Market Street
Third Floor
San Francisco, CA 94103
Tel: (415) 284-7220
Fax: (415) 284-7222
E-Mail: lifcentral@lif.org
Web Site: http://www.lif.org

Principal Officials:

Ralph Santiago Abascal
President of the Board

Guillermo Rodriguez, Jr.
Executive Director

Established: 1987

LIF is a nonprofit corporation whose purpose is to address major statewide and national issues of concern to Hispanics. Its primary focus is on broader immigration issues, education, citizenship, and integration of Hispanics into the economic, educational, and political fabric of the nation. The issues are addressed by a combination of research, education, and advocacy. LIF is a statewide umbrella organization. Membership and direction are the result of participation by Hispanic organizations, leaders, and community groups. The Tortuga Society is LIF's membership support organization.

Publications:

Boletin, monthly newsletter; and periodic issue reports

Mexican-American Grocers Association (MAGA)

National Headquarters
405 N. San Fernando Road
Los Angeles, CA 90031
Tel: (213) 227-1565
Fax: (213) 227-6935

Principal Officials:

Steve Soto
President and CEO

Morrie Notrica
Chairman

Established: 1977

MAGA is a national trade association with over 6,000 members in Mexico, Puerto Rico and the United States. MAGA prepares its members to meet the challenges of the $200 billion Mexican-Latino consumer market through promotions, business and educational seminars. The MAGA-CET Retail Grocery Training Institute provides training to inner city residents to help prepare them for jobs in the retail, food and beverage industries. The curriculum covers every aspect of training that is needed to start a career in our industry from cashier to stocking, safety and sanitation, English as a Second Language (ESL) and office skills. The Institute is licensed by the State of California as a post-secondary school and is approved as a curriculum by the accrediting council for continuing education and training.

Publication:

MAGAzine, a bimonthly national trade publication with a circulation of 16,500 businesses.

Special Events:

Annual National Marketing, Sales & Promotions Conference in Palm Springs, CA; Annual Scholarship Awards Banquet; Monthly Forum for Ideals; General Memberships meetings; Annual Golf Tournaments (raising $1,000,000 in scholarships awarded to students across the country)

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Mexican-American Legal Defense & Educational Fund (MALDEF)

National Office

634 S. Spring Street
11th Floor
Los Angeles, CA 90014
Tel: (213) 629-2512
Fax: (213) 629-8016

Regional Office

1518 K Street, NW
Suite 410
Washington, DC 20005
Tel: (202) 628-4074
Fax: (202) 393-4206

Principal Officials:

Antonia Hernandez
President and General Counsel

Georgina C. Verdugo
Regional Counsel

Thomas B. Reston
Chairman of the Board of Directors

Established: 1968

MALDEF is a national, nonprofit organization whose principal objective is to protect and promote the civil rights of U.S. Latinos through litigation, advocacy, educational outreach, and the awarding of law school scholarships. Throughout its 29 years, MALDEF has been at the forefront of civil rights litigation in the areas of employment, education, immigration, voting and language. Its non-litigation programs, such as census adjustment and leadership training, address the means Latinos can use to effectively advocate for their communities and impact public policy. Headquartered in Los Angeles, MALDEF has regional offices in Los Angeles and San Francisco, California; San Antonio, Texas; Chicago, Illinois and Washington, DC, and four program offices throughout the Midwest and Southwest.

Publications:

MALDEF Newsletter; Annual Report; *Leading Hispanics* (Leadership Newsletter)

Special Events:

Annual Fund-raising Dinner (in regional offices) – dates vary according to each regional office

The Mexican Museum

Fort Mason Center Bldg. D
Laguna and Marina Blvd.
San Francisco, CA 94123
Tel: (415) 441-0445
Fax: (415) 441-7683

Principal Officials:

Jonathan Yorba
Executive Director

Dr. Terry Shtob
Deputy Director

Established: 1975

The Mexican Museum's mission is to generate new perspectives on American culture that shape the way we perceive ourselves as a nation. The Museum collects, preserves, exhibits, interprets and promotes the artistic expression of the Mexicano and Latino people through the visual arts and other multidisciplinary forms of expression.

Publication:

Quarterly newsletter

Special Events:

Programs in conjunction with changing exhibitions

Movimiento Familiar Cristiano U.S.A. (MFC-USA)

3570 Thompson Place
Hayward, CA 94541
Tel: (510) 728-1319

Principal Officials:

Mr. and Mrs. Mario Gavidia
Presidents

Rev. Humberto Gómez
Spiritual Director
Tel: (916) 733-0177

Established: 1967

A national organization, working through regional offices, MFC is a movement wherein Hispanic Christian families gather to share support and to promote Christian and human family values, with the hope of becoming better Christians and developing a better family life. MFC is committed to improving the quality of life of Hispanics and Christian families.

Publications:

Informativo del MFC USA, biannual newsletter

Special Events:

National Convention – July (every three years), and Annual Convention – August

Multicultural Education, Training, and Advocacy (META)

225 Bush Street
Suite 751
San Francisco, CA 94104
Tel: (415) 398-1977
Fax: (415) 398-1997

Principal Officials:

Roger Rice
Co-Director

Peter Roos
Co-Director

Jane E. Lopez
Staff Attorney

Deborah Escobedo
Staff Attorney

Established: 1983

META is a national organization specializing in the educational rights of Hispanics and other linguistic minorities and migrant youth. META is dedicated to the full realization of the educational and personal potential of this vulnerable class of children, as well as the preservation of their cultural and linguistic identities. Services and programs include community advocacy and leadership development, policy analysis, research and dissemination, and legal representation in the area of education. META also maintains an office in Somerville, Massachusetts.

National Association of Latino Elected and Appointed Officials (NALEO) Educational Fund

3409 Garnet Street
Los Angeles, CA 900232
Tel: (213) 262-8503
Fax: (213) 262-9823
Web Site:
http://www.naleo.org

Principal Official:
Arturo Vargas
Executive Director

Established: 1981

The National Association of Latino Elected and Appointed Officials Educational Fund was established to promote the participation of Latinos in the nation's civic life. The NALEO Educational Fund carries out this mission by developing and implementing programs that promote the integration of Latino immigrants into American society; developing future leaders among Latino youth; providing assistance and training to the nation's Latino elected officials; and by conducting research on issues important to the Latino population. The NALEO Educational Fund is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization governed by a seven-member board of directors.

Publications:
The 1997 National Directory of Latino Elected Officials and The Latino Elected Officials Statistical Information Guide

Special Events:
Annual Conference – June, and NALEO Biennial Institute – November

National Concilio of America

41 Sutter Street
Suite 1067
San Francisco, CA 94104
Tel: (415) 550-0442
Fax: (415) 550-0437

Principal Officials:
Pedro Rodriguez, CPA
Chairman
Diana La Come
President
Mary Daddio
Treasurer

Established: 1977

The principal goal of this organization is to develop a national Hispanic voluntary organization to promote volunteerism and philanthropy among U.S. Hispanics. It is composed of over 100 separate agencies, and accomplishes its mission by cultivating Hispanic volunteer and professional staff leadership. It develops local "concilios" that systematically address the planning, training, and fund-raising needs of the Hispanic community. A nonprofit organization funded by the United Way, the Concilio acts as a network for several social service agencies and provides a variety of services to the Hispanic community, including leadership training. It promotes cooperation with charitable institutions and strives to develop long-range planning for the needs of Hispanics.

Publication:
National Concilio newsletter, biannual

Special Events:
Annual Membership Conference – September, and Profiles of Success – September

National Hispanic Media Coalition (NHMC)

5550 Wilshire Boulevard
Suite 670
Los Angeles, CA 90010
Tel: (213) 385-8574
Fax: (213) 384-1505

Principal Officials:

Alex Nogales
National Chair

Henry Barbosa
Vice Chair

Armando Duran
Legal Counsel

Esther Renteria
Treasurer

Established: 1986

The National Hispanic Media Coalition is composed of 150 groups with a membership of 55,000 persons, with affiliate chapters in Chicago, New York, Spokane, San Antonio, and Dallas. The specific mission of the NHMC is to improve the image and employment of Hispanic Americans in all media including radio, television, and films.

Publication:

Positive Images, published twice a year

Special Event:

Annual fund-raiser

National Hispanic Scholarship Fund (NHSF)

P.O. Box 728
Novato, CA 94948
Tel: (415) 892-9971

Principal Official:

Ernest Z. Robles
President

Established: 1975

NHSF provides scholarships for undergraduate and graduate students of Hispanic heritage. Applicants must be U.S. citizens or permanent residents of the United States who have Hispanic heritage and who attend a college in the United States or Puerto Rico. This organization, as of 1995, has awarded over $28 million in scholarships to over 28,000 National Hispanic Scholarship Fund Scholars.

Publications:

NHSF News, newsletter published twice a year, and an annual report

National Latino Communications Center (NLCC)
5171 Los Feliz Boulevard
Suite 200
Los Angeles, CA 90039
Tel: (213) 663-8293
Fax: (213) 663-5606

Principal Officials:
Lay Rodriguez
Chair
Raquel Ortiz
Chair Emeritus
Jose Luis Ruiz
Executive Director

Established: 1976

For more than 20 years, the National Latino Communications Center (NLCC) has served as an institutional force and advocate for developing and presenting high quality films and television programs about the Latino experience. Dedicated to the use of mass media communications as a tool for empowerment, the NLCC has provided more than 600 hours of television programming to the public, including the landmark television documentary series, *Chicano! History of the Mexican American Civil Rights*.

Publication:
Newsletter

Los Niños
287 G Street
Chula Vista, CA 91910
Tel: (619) 426-9116
Fax: (619) 426-6664
E-Mail: losninos@electricti.com
Web Site: http://www.electricti.com/~losninos

Principal Official:
Roque Barros
Executive Director

Established: 1974

Los Niños helps children and families living in marginal communities along the U.S.-Mexico border by providing education programs that focus on family, school, nutrition and family-school ecology and gardening. In addition, the Development Education Program unites volunteers from both sides of the border to learn from one another through cultural events and work projects. These programs are weekend, weeklong or summer programs.

Publication:
Border Connections, published four times a year

Special Event:
Annual Walkathon from Los Angeles to Tijuana, held in June

La Raza Centro Legal, Inc.
474 Valencia Street
Suite 295
San Francisco, CA 94103
Tel: (415) 575-3500
Fax: (415) 255-7593

Principal Official:
Victor M. Marquez, Esq.
Executive Director

Established: 1973

La Raza Centro Legal, Inc. is a nonprofit organization which provides free legal services in the areas of immigration, housing, employment, senior and youth laws. It also conducts a naturalization and voter registration campaign to encourage and increase Latino participation in the U.S. political process.

Special Events:
Annual Fund-raising Dinner; various Citizenship Fairs

Society of Hispanic Professional Engineers (SHPE)

5400 E. Olympic Boulevard
Suite 210
Los Angeles, CA 90022
Tel: (213) 725-3970
Fax: (213) 725-0316
E-Mail: shpe@address.com

Principal Officials:
Melissa Drake
National President
Serafin Fernandez
National Vice President

Established: 1974

Dedicated to the advancement of Hispanic engineering professionals and students, SHPE works for their educational, economic, and social welfare. SHPE promotes special hiring programs for Hispanics and supports engineering scholarship programs. A nonprofit corporation, SHPE receives corporate contributions to maintain its organization and its scholarship foundation. Annual membership fees range from $45 for members to $500 for corporations.

Publications:
SHPE National Newsletter, published bimonthly, and *SHPE Magazine*, published quarterly

Special Events:
National Banquet – July, and Career Conference – February

El Teatro Campesino

P.O. Box 1240
San Juan Bautista, CA 95045
Tel: (408) 623-2444
Fax: (408) 623-4127

Principal Officials:
Luis Valdez
Artistic Director
Phil Esparza
Managing Director
Marilyn Abiad
Senior Resident Producer

Established: 1965

El Teatro Campesino is an internationally prominent Latino Chicano theater company committed to producing a theatrical body of work and developing new Latino playwrights, directors, actors and practitioners of theater. Dedicated to the creation and advancement of Chicano cultural heritage through the performing arts, Teatro Campesino produces not only theatrical productions, but also films, audio and videotapes, records, and publications. It develops, produces, and presents professional theater works that reflect campesino reality and aesthetic.

Publications:
Luis Valdez – The Early Works and *Zoot Suit & Other Plays*, published by Arte Publico – University of Houston; *Teatro Notes*, quarterly newsletter

Special Events:
Year-round theater menu, productions and presenting series in San Juan Bautista

Tomás Rivera Policy Institute (TRPI)

241 East Eleventh Street
Steele Hall, Third Floor
Scripps College
Claremont, CA 91711-6194
Tel: (909) 621-8897
Fax: (909) 621-8898
E-Mail: TRC@cgs.edu
Web Site:
http://www.cgs.edu/inst/trc.html

Principal Officials:

Dr. Harry Pachon
President

Dr. Rodolfo de la Garza
Vice President

Established: 1985

The Tomás Rivera Policy Institute (TRPI) was founded as an independent, nonprofit, non-advocacy policy research organization to foster sound public policies and programs relevant to the nation's Latino community. To fulfill its mission, the Institute conducts social, political and economic policy-relevant research, evaluates the effects of governmental and corporate practices on Latinos, and serves as an objective source of information, analysis and ideas for its constituents. TRPI is headquartered in Claremont, California, and is affiliated with the Claremont Graduate School and the University of Texas at Austin.

Publications:

Research reports, policy briefs

United Farmworkers of America (UFW)

P.O. Box 62
Keene, CA 93531
Tel: (805) 822-5571
Fax: (805) 822-6103

Principal Officials:

Arturo Rodriguez
President

Dolores Huerta
Secretary-Treasurer

Established: 1962

With over 50,000 members, this is the largest organization of farm laborers in the United States. The organization's principal goals are to enhance the living conditions of farmworkers through collective bargaining agreement with agricultural producers and to provide protection against pesticides to farmworkers. The UFW established the first and only pension plan for farmworkers, as well as the most extensive medical coverage under the Robert F. Kennedy Medical Plan. The organization is currently involved in a historic campaign to stop the use of cancer and birth defect-causing chemicals in California's table grape industry through a grape boycott.

Special Events:

Anniversaries of Cesar Chavez' date of birth (March 31, 1927) and the date of his passing (April 23, 1993)

Colorado Hispanic Institute
1445 Market Street
Suite 280
Denver, CO 80202
Tel: (303) 620-4430

Principal Officials:
Rick Garcia
Executive Director
Lena Lopez
Program Director for *Visiones*

Established: 1987

This organization was established as a non-profit institute through the joint efforts of the Community College of Denver, Metropolitan State College in Denver, the University of Colorado at Denver, and Hispanic community leaders. The mission of the Institute is to provide opportunities for Hispanics and others to become culturally competent leaders who will transform and build their multicultural communities and workplaces. To fulfill its mission, the Institute provides a 16-week multicultural transformational leadership program entitled *Visiones*, one and two-day diversity-cultural competency seminars, team building, train-the-trainer, and other customized workshops.

Publications:
Our Multicultural Roots and *Visiones* Curriculum Manual

Latin American Educational Foundation (LAEF)

Pena Business Plaza
930 West 7th Avenue
Denver, CO 80204
Tel: (303) 446-0541
Fax: (303) 446-0526

Principal Officials:
Pedro Gonzalez
President

Angela Montaga
Vice President

Eloysa Torrez
Executive Director

Established: 1949

LAEF was founded by a group of Hispanic citizens concerned with improving the educational opportunities for Spanish-surnamed youth. To this end, LAEF provides partial financing for Hispanic students desiring a college education and greater opportunities for professional advancement. The organization hopes that through education, Hispanic students will discover their potential and contribute to the economic growth of the nation. LAEF helps students obtain college, technical, or vocational education through information and counseling services, as well as financial support. It is a nonprofit corporation funded solely by voluntary contributions.

Special Event:
Annual Meeting

Latin American Research and Service Agency (LARASA)

309 West First Avenue
Denver, CO 80223
Tel: (303) 722-5150
Fax: (303) 722-5118

Principal Official:
Dr. Maria Guajardo Lucero
Executive Director

Established: 1964

LARASA is a nonprofit organization created to improve the social, economic, political and educational status of Colorado's Latino community. It conducts public policy research, provides technical assistance and clearinghouse services, and supports advocacy and action which will improve the quality of life for Latinos throughout the state. It also incubates model programs in the areas of education and health.

Publications:
LARASA Directory of Latino Agencies, Organizations and Associations in Colorado; monthly demographic reports. Call for list of titles.

Special Event:
Bernie Valdez Annual Awards Luncheon

Mexican American State Legislators Policy Institute (MASLPI)

789 Sherman Street
Suite 480
Denver, CO 80203
Tel: (303) 860-8955
Fax: (303) 860-0472

Principal Officials

State Senator
Gonzalo Barrientos, Texas
Chairman of the Board

Patrick S. Sanchez
Executive Director

Established: 1990

MASLPI was established to provide Mexican American state legislators with a critically needed vehicle for the timely sharing of information about the dynamic issues and forces that create new public policy concerns and legislative considerations throughout the southwest. This 501(c)(3) organization provides information, networking and research assistance.

Publications

MASLPI Networks and *Quicknotes*

Special Event

Issues Solutions Conference

National Caucus of Hispanic School Board Members

6002 Hudson Street
Commerce City, CO 80222
Tel: (303) 289-3940
Fax: (303) 288-7089

Principal Official

Guillermo Serna
President

Established: 1975

The primary membership of this organization consists of Hispanic American members of boards of education in the United States, as well as concerned individuals wishing to assist Hispanic American students attain the best education possible. Its main objective is to promote quality education and improve relationships among Spanish-speaking school board members. It promotes state and national legislation to assist Hispanic students and representation of Hispanic school board members within the governance of the National School Boards Association.

Special Event

Annual Conference – April

National Image, Inc.
930 W. 7th Avenue
Suite 139
Denver, CO 80204-4417
Tel: (303) 534-6554
Fax: (303) 534-0780

Principal Officials:
Heriberto Sanabria
Chairman

Veronica Antobee
Executive Director

Established: 1972

National Image, Inc. is a nonprofit organization representing over 3500 Hispanic Americans nationwide and over a half million Hispanics in public service. This organization is committed to promoting equality and opportunity in the areas of employment, education and civil rights. National Image has been successful in bringing people together to express, discuss and resolve differences in their philosophies, while making services and opportunities available to Hispanics and other minorities throughout the United States. It has worked with government agencies, private industry, educational and community-based organizations to facilitate and implement positive change. National Image accepts any member regardless of race, sex, age, color, national origin, religion, disability, or any other non-merit factor.

Special Event:
1997 Training Conference and Convention will be held May 7-10, 1997 in Denver, Colorado

New Mexico

Number of Hispanic Elected Officials: 648

Number of Female Hispanic Elected Officials: 143

Hands Across Cultures

Route 1, Box 204
Espanola, NM 87532
Tel: (505) 747-1889
Fax: (505) 747-1023
E-Mail:
HMONTOYA@AOL.COM

Principal Officials:
Henry Montoya
President
Phil Diaz
Vice President

Established: 1993

Hands Across Cultures provides material development, training and technical assistance to organizations and institutions seeking to address the issues of alcohol, tobacco and other drug abuse. The continuum of prevention, intervention, treatment and aftercare is emphasized. Hispano Latino cultural factors are stressed. The organization also seeks to raise the awareness of policy makers of the strength, diversity and participation of Hispano Latinos in all aspects of American society.

Special Event:
Un Encuentro—An annual conference addressing the needs within the Hispano Latino community for program and policy development.

Petroglyph National Monumment

6001 Unser Boulevard, NW
Albuquerque, NM 87120
Tel: (505) 899-0205

Principal Official:
Judith Cordova
Superintendent

Established: 1990

This organization works to preserve the natural environment and to interpret Hispanic and American Indian cultures.

Source: The NALEO Educational Fund, 1996
National Directory of Hispanic Elected Officials

Number of Hispanic Elected Officials: 1,795

Number of Female Hispanic Elected Officials: 364

Source: The NALEO Educational Fund, *1996 National Directory of Hispanic Elected Officials*

American Medical Student Association Foundation

1902 Association Drive
Reston, VA 20191-1502
Tel: (703) 620-6600
Fax: (703) 620-5873
Web Site: http://www.amsa.org

Principal Officials:

Paul Wright
Executive Director

Sarah R. Levin
E-Mail: intl@www.amsa.org

Shawn Taylor Zelman
E-Mail: hpfp@www.amsa.org
Project Directors

Established: 1950

The AMSA Foundation is the educational arm of the American Medical Student Association. It has an international health program with medical schools in Latin America. It encourages participants in the international health programs to work with Hispanic communities upon their return to the United States.

Governor's Commission on Hispanic Affairs

311 W. Saratoga Street
Office 279
Baltimore, MD 21201
Tel: (410) 767-7857
Fax: (410) 333-0892

Principal Officials:
William Stagg
Chairman

Laura Kelsey Rhodes
Vice Chair

Luis Ortega
Executive Director

Established: 1971

The Governor's Commission on Hispanic Affairs is an advisory Commission to the Governor, the General Assembly, state and local agencies, and community organizations on matters relating to the Hispanic population of Maryland.

Hispanic Commission of Virginia (HCV)

5827 Columbia Pike
Suite 200
Falls Church, VA 22041
Tel: (703) 671-5666
Fax: (703) 671-2325

Principal Officials:
Roberto Lavin
President

Marta V. Wyatt
Executive Director

Irma Ortiz
Assistant Director

Established: 1967

This organization is devoted to improving the quality of life for Hispanics in Northern Virginia and is the oldest and largest bilingual and bicultural agency in the area. Our goals are to make Hispanics fully contributing members of society, build a healthier Hispanic population and mobilize the broader community to help us in our efforts. This organization offers resources in job development; health and education; immigration; mental health; tax assistance; information and referral; social services; notarization and translations; and voter registration. HCV is a nonprofit, 501(c)(3), community-based organization supported by funding from local counties, the United Way, foundation grants, corporate gifts and private donations. In FY 1996, HCV served 19,000 people with over 70,000 services.

Special Events:
Annual Spring Gala; Annual Children's Epiphany Party

National Association of Hispanic Federal Executives (NAHFE)

P.O. Box 469
Herndon, VA 20172-0469
Tel: (703) 787-0291
Fax: (703) 787-4675

Principal Official:
Manuel Oliverez
President & CEO

Established: 1984

NAHFE was incorporated in Washington, DC with the primary purpose of enhancing the opportunities for Hispanics to secure positions in the federal government at GM 12, 15, Senior Executive Service (SES) and at executive level positions. In keeping with this purpose, NAHFE's policies include the following: to identify and recruit qualified Hispanics for executive level positions; to provide a forum for the sharing of managerial knowledge, expertise and experience; to conduct studies, surveys and research on Hispanic employment issues; and to assist in the professional development of NAHFE members.

Publication:
Newsletter

Special Events:
Bimonthly Hispanic Executive Recognition Luncheons; Training Seminars; Annual Conference held in November

National Hispana Leadership Institute (NHLI)

1901 North Moore Street
Suite 206
Arlington, VA 22209
Tel: (703) 527-6007
Fax: (703) 527-6009
E-Mail Address: NHLI@aol.com
URL:
http://www.incacorp.com/NHLI

Principal Officials:
Nancy Leon
President

Alicia Guevara
Program Director

Established: 1987

The National Hispana Leadership Institute was founded to address the need for Latina leadership at the top levels of the public and private sectors and to increase the number of Latinas in visible national positions. Through a national recruitment process, NHLI selects 20 Latinas each year to participate in an intensive four-week leadership development program.

Special Events:
Tenth-Year Anniversary Conference & Alumnae Reunion (October 16-18, 1997); The Fifth Annual Mujer Award (October 17, 1997); First Annual National Coalition of Women Leaders Luncheon on Capitol Hill (September 20, 1997). (Note: All events in Washington, DC.)

Ileana Ros-Lehtinen (R-18th District)
Elected to fill vacancy in the 101st Congress, 1989

Lincoln Diaz-Balart (R-21st District)
Elected to serve in the 103rd Congress, 1992

Bilingual Private Schools Association (BIPRISA)
904 S.W. 23rd Avenue
Miami, FL 33135
Tel: (305) 643-4888
Fax: (305) 649-2767

Principal Official:
Demetrio Perez, Jr., M.S.
President

Established: 1975

BIPRISA is an organization dedicated to increasing community awareness of the purposes and principles of bilingual education. Its membership consists of approximately 35 bilingual private schools, whose cumulative enrollment exceeds 15,000 students. BIPRISA is the parent organization to several other private school institutions. Among them is the Council of Bilingual Schools, the organism through which bilingual schools are accredited. A nonprofit corporation, BIPRISA is funded by annual membership fees of $60 and community donations.

Special Events:
Annual Jose Marti Celebration – January 28; Annual Banquet – March; Interschools Field Day – May 20

Source: *The NAHO Educational Issue, 1996; National Directory of Hispanic Elected Officials*

Coalition of Florida Farmworkers Organizations (COFFO)

305 S. Flagler Avenue
P.O. Box 368
Homestead, FL 33030
Tel: (305) 246-0357
Fax: (305) 246-2445

Principal Official:
Arturo Lopez
Executive Director

Established: 1980

This organization was founded by statewide leaders of local migrant and seasonal farmworker programs. It is a nonprofit 501(c)(3) corporation, which provides assistance to Hispanic farmworkers in achieving economic upgrading, social justice, and educational and cultural advancement. Some of the services provided by this organization include: food distribution, emergency assistance and employment, housing, clinical services, training programs, and an immigrant legalization program. COFFO is affiliated with the National Council of La Raza.

Cuban-American National Council (CNC)

300 S.W. 12th Avenue
3rd Floor
Miami, FL 33130-2038
Tel: (305) 642-3484
Fax: (305) 642-7463

Principal Officials:
Agustin De Goytisolo
Chairman

Guarione Diaz
President & Executive Director

Established: 1972

The Cuban-American National Council (CNC) is a private nonprofit agency addressing the economic, social and educational needs of immigrants, minorities and individuals in need. The Council conducts research and policy analyses on issues affecting Cubans and Hispanics in the United States and provides education, employment, and housing services to all disadvantaged individuals of various ethnic, racial and national backgrounds. CNC initiates economic expansion through community development and promotes special programs and events in the fields of leadership development, dropout prevention and multi-ethnic cooperation.

Publications:
Council letter, published quarterly; periodic issues papers; and the following: Freedom of Speech in Miami; America's English Need Not Divide Nor Censor; Law and Politics in Florida's Redistricting; Housing Needs of the Hispanic Elderly in Greater Miami; The Academic Performance of Hispanics in Florida Public Schools; The Cubanization and Hispanicization of Metropolitan Miami; and Hispanic National Groups in Metropolitan Miami.

Special Event:
Biennial Conference

Cuban American National Foundation
7300 N.W. 35th Terrace
Suite 104
Miami, FL 33122
Tel: (305) 592-7768

1000 T. Jefferson Street, NW
Suite 505
Washington, DC 20007
Tel: (202) 265-2822

Principal Officials:
Jorge L. Mas Canosa
Chairman

Feliciano Foyo
Treasurer

Francisco Hernandez
President

Established: 1980

The Cuban American National Foundation is an independent, nonprofit institution devoted to gathering and disseminating data concerning the economic, political, and social welfare of the Cuban people, both in Cuba and in exile. The Foundation supports the concept of a free and democratic Cuba. It promotes an objective view of Cuba and Cubans, and an objective appraisal of the Cuban Government and its policies. The Foundation supports a general program to enlighten and clarify public opinion on problems of Cuban concern, to fight bigotry, protect human rights, and promote cultural interest and creative achievement.

Publications:
Extensive publication listings. Please call for further information.

Special Events:
Annual Congress held in June-July; Cuba Independence Day Annual Luncheon on May 20; and Annual Dinner in November.

Latin Chamber of Commerce of U.S.A. (CAMACOL)
141 W. Flagler Street
Miami, FL 33135
Tel: (305) 642-3870
Fax: (305) 642-0653
Web Site:
http://www.camacol.org

Principal Officials:
Luis Sabines
President

Capt. William Alexander
First Vice President and Chairman of the Hemispheric Congress of Latin Chambers of Commerce and Industry

Dr. Manuel Vega
Secretary

Established: 1965

The Latin Chamber of Commerce of U.S.A. (CAMACOL) is a nonprofit corporation with over 2,500 active members with commercial businesses. CAMACOL offers an in-house employment bureau for personnel requests. The annual Hemispheric Congress of Latin Chambers of Commerce and Industry represents federations of Chambers of Commerce throughout Latin America and the Caribbean. This international forum was created by CAMACOL to strengthen commercial ties and to promote mutual economic benefits. The Florida Trade and Exhibition Center, operated by CAMACOL, promotes U.S. exports and offers technical assistance on international trade. Socially, CAMACOL organizes charitable and humanitarian events, monthly dinners and local seminars.

Special Event:
Hemispheric Congress of Latin Chamber of Commerce and Industry, April 23 - 26, 1997 in Miami, Florida.

National Federation of Hispanic Owned Publications (NFHOP)

685 S. CR 427
Longwood, FL 32750-6405
Tel: (407) 767-0561

Principal Officials

Manuel A. Toro
President

Carlos Camilo
Vice President

Berta A. Gonzalez
Secretary

Jorge Montes
Marketing Vice President

Established: 1991

The National Federation of Hispanic Owned Publications is an educational, nonprofit organization to promote the highest standards of Hispanic journalism and use of Hispanic-owned newspapers.

Publication:

Ultima Hora newsletter

Special Event:

Annual International Hispanic Media Conference

Union Iberoamericana de Municipalistas (UIM)

6822 W. 54th Court
Miramar, FL 33023
Tel: (305) 987-5000
E-Mail: uim@eunosur.org
Web Site:
http://www.icpala.es/CEMCI/cemcium.html

Principal Officials

Lily Guzman
Chair

Roxana Guzman Lora
Co-Chair

Established: 1991

This organization was established to provide a pool of expertise and knowledge on municipal government and civic activities and action throughout Spanish-speaking countries in the Americas.

Publication:

El Edil Newsletter

Special Event:

Annual Conference (held throughout the Americas and Spain)

Henry B. Gonzalez (D-20th District)
Elected to fill a vacancy in the 87th Congress, 1961

Solomon P. Ortiz (D-27th District)
Elected to serve in the 98th Congress, 1982

Henry Bonilla (R-23rd District)
Elected to serve in the 103rd Congress, 1992

Ruben Hinojosa (D-15th District)
Elected to serve in the 105th Congress, 1996

Source: The NALEO Educational Fund, 1996
National Directory of Hispanic Elected Officials

Texas

Silvestre Reyes (D-16th District)
Elected to serve in the 105th Congress, 1996

American GI Forum of the United States

National Headquarters
2711 W. Anderson Lane
Suite 200
Austin, TX 78757-1121
Tel: (512) 302-3025
Fax: (512) 302-3591

Principal Official
Antonio Gil Morales
National Executive Director

Established: 1948

The American GI Forum of the U.S. is the nation's largest organized group of American Military Veterans of Hispanic descent. Founded by Dr. Hector P. Garcia in Corpus Christi, Texas, the organization has continuously maintained advocacy for Hispanics as its primary role. The American GI Forum is actively involved in various other general issues important to the Hispanic community. Such issues as employment, housing, civil rights, women's programs and youth activities are supported by the respected voice and advocacy of a national membership of proven American patriots.

Publication
The Forumeer, newsletter

Special Events
Mid-Year Convention (March 5-9, 1997 (Lubbock, Texas); Annual National Convention August 5-10, 1997 (Kansas City, Missouri)

American GI Forum National Veterans Outreach Program

200 San Pedro Avenue
Suite 200
San Antonio, TX 78205
Tel: (210) 223-4088
Fax: (210) 223-4970

Principal Officials:
Carlos Martinez
President/CEO

Frank Perales
Chairman

Established: 1972

The National Veterans Outreach Program (NVOP) was established to serve veterans and their families through job training, counseling, placement and support services. The organization also provides housing for the elderly as well as transitional housing for homeless veterans and their families. Counseling programs focus on those veterans who experience problems with post traumatic stress disorder.

Publications:
NVOP Newsletter and NVOP Annual Report

Special Events:
Quarterly Board of Directors meetings and Annual Training Conference

Association for the Advancement of Mexican Americans (AAMA)

6001 Gulf Freeway
Building B-1, Suite 102
Houston, TX 77023
Tel: (713) 926-4756
Fax: (713) 926-8035

Principal Official:
Gilbert Moreno
Executive Director

Established: 1970

The Association for the Advancement of Mexican Americans (AAMA) is the largest Hispanic nonprofit service provider in Texas and offers one of the most comprehensive arrays of services of any nonprofit agency in the nation. Programs are focused on the following key areas: Education, Social Services, Cultural Awareness, and Economic and Community Development. AAMA's George I. Sanchez High School is an alternative school for youth who have dropped out of the public school system. One of the oldest alternative schools in the country, Sanchez High has become a model school as it is now Texas largest charter school accredited through the Texas Education Agency. Other AAMA programs include: Adult Literacy, Alcohol and Drug Abuse, Gang Prevention programs, AIDS Education, and emergency shelter for youth with foster home placement with the Magnolia Residential Housing Project. AAMA Drug Abuse and Gang Prevention programs have now expanded to Laredo, Edinburg, and San Antonio, Texas.

Hispanic Association of Colleges and Universities (HACU)

4204 Gardendale Street
Suite 216
San Antonio, TX 78229
Tel: (512) 692-8805

Principal Official:
Antonio Flores, Ph.D.
President

Established: 1986

The Hispanic Association of Colleges and Universities (HACU) is a national association representing the accredited colleges and universities in the United States where Hispanic students constitute at least 25 percent of the total student enrollment. HACU's goal is to bring together colleges and universities, schools, corporations, governmental agencies and individuals to establish partnerships for: promoting the development of Hispanic-serving colleges and universities; improving access to and the quality of postsecondary educational opportunities for Hispanic students; and meeting the needs of business, industry and government through the development and sharing of resources, information and expertise.

Publications:
HACU, the Voice of Hispanic Higher Education, monthly newsletter; HACU Annual Report

Special Event:
Annual Meeting – held in the Fall

Inter-University Program for Latino Research

P.O. Box 8180
Austin, TX 78713-8180
Administration:
Tel: (512) 471-7100
Policy Institute:
Tel: (512) 471-6989
Fax: (512) 471-4545
Web Site:
http://www.utexas.edu/depts/iuplr

Principal Officials:
Gilberto Cardenas
Executive Director
Allert Brown-Gort
Development Officer/
Associate Director
Cynthia Sanchez
Program Associate
Dolores Garcia
Program Associate/Policy Institute

Established: 1985

IUPLR, a consortium of 15 Latino research centers based at major universities across the United States, is the only nationwide, university-based research organization bringing together scholars from a wide variety of disciplines to conduct policy-relevant research on Latinos. The primary objectives of IUPLR are to expand the pool of scholars and leaders, to strengthen the capacity of Latino research centers, and to facilitate the availability of policy-relevant, Latino-focused research. IUPLR offers training programs, sponsors interdisciplinary research, and creates links between scholars, policy experts, public officials, and community advocates.

Publications:
Latinos in a Changing U.S. Economy; Latinos and Blacks in the Cities; and *New Directions for Latino Public Policy Research*

Special Events:
Biennial conference on Policy Relevant Research and Biannual Policy Briefings

League of United Latin American Citizens (LULAC) Foundation

P.O. Box 902
Laredo, TX 78042-0902
Tel: (210) 722-5544
Fax: (210) 722-7151

Principal Official:
Paul Garza, Jr.
Chairman

Established: 1929

The LULAC Foundation is a 501(c)(3) tax exempt subsidiary of the League of United Latin American Citizens (LULAC). The Foundation supports efforts to improve the quality of life for Americans in the United States. The Foundation operates programs in health awareness and health care, assists qualified residents to become citizens of the United States, and provides funds through the LULAC councils to assist grassroots volunteers to participate in local community improvement programs.

Special Event:
Annual Awards Banquet

Mexican American Cultural Center (MACC)

3019 West French Place
San Antonio, TX 78228-5104
Tel: (210) 732-2156
Fax: (210) 732-9072

Principal Officials:

Archbishop Patricio F. Flores
Chairman

Sr. Maria Elena Gonzalez, RSM
President

Established: 1972

The Mexican American Cultural Center (MACC) is a national Catholic institute for pastoral leadership and language studies. MACC prepares pastoral leaders to work in and with Spanish speaking communities throughout the United States. MACC offers programs and workshops in English and Spanish—on campus in San Antonio as well as on site. MACC's distribution center has an excellent selection of bilingual materials for pastoral ministry, theology, history and culture, as well as carrying an assortment of religious articles.

Publications:

Consult bookstore for a list of publications. (1-210-732-2156; extension 104)

Special Event:

Workshops and training programs throughout the year

Mexican American Democrats of Texas (MAD)

400 S. Zang Blvd.
Suite 804
Dallas, TX 75208
Tel: (214) 943-8083
Fax: (214) 943-8290

Principal Officials:

Roberto R. Alonzo
State Chair

Diana Castaneda
State Vice Chair

Aida Barbosa
State Secretary

Gaspar Trevino
State Treasurer

Established: 1976

The primary purpose of MAD is to increase Mexican-American participation in the Texas Democratic Party and to represent the Mexican-American community on issues affecting Hispanics. MAD is targeting a statewide membership of over 100,000 through voter education and registration programs that emphasize the role of Mexican-Americans in the political system. MAD is supported by contributions and annual membership fees of $6.

Publication:

MAD of Texas News, quarterly newsletter

Special Event:

Annual Convention – late Summer

Mexican American Legal Defense & Educational Fund (MALDEF)

Regional Office
The Book Building
140 E. Houston Street
Suite 300
San Antonio, TX 78205
Tel: (512) 224-5476
Fax: (512) 224-5382

Principal Officials
Antonia Hernandez
President and General Counsel

Thomas Reston
Chairman of the Board of Directors

Established: 1968

MALDEF is a national nonprofit organization whose principal objective is to protect and promote the civil rights of U.S. Latinos through litigation, advocacy, educational outreach, and the awarding of law school scholarships. Throughout its 29 years, MALDEF has been at the forefront of civil rights litigation in the areas of employment, education, immigration, voting and language. Its non-litigation programs, such as census adjustment and leadership training, address the means Latinos can use to effectively advocate for their communities and impact public policy. Headquartered in Los Angeles, MALDEF has regional offices in Los Angeles and San Francisco, California; San Antonio, Texas; Chicago, Illinois and Washington, DC, and four program offices throughout the Midwest and Southwest.

Publications:
MALDEF Newsletter, Annual Report, *Leading Hispanics* (Leadership Newsletter)

Special Events:
Annual Fund-raising Dinner (in regional offices) – dates vary according to each regional office

Mexican American Unity Council (MAUC)

2500 West Commerce Street
Suite 300
San Antonio, TX 78207
Tel: (210) 978-0500
Fax: (210) 978-0547

Principal Officials:
Daniel G. Hernandez
President/CEO

Ofelia Garza
Chair of the Board

Established: 1967

MAUC is committed to developing the human and economic potential of Hispanics by encouraging pride and participation in the economic mainstream and leveraging public and private resources. It aims to achieve community economic development, create jobs through joint ventures among established businesses, establish role models through assistance to Hispanic entrepreneurs, and expand human resource potential through mental health support services. MAUC is committed to economic self-sufficiency, using its financial, political, and social resources toward community economic development and the creation of employment to afford Hispanics the opportunity to experience productive lives.

National Center for Farmworker Health (NCFH)

1515 Capital of Texas Hwy., S.
Suite 220
Austin, TX 78746
Tel: (512) 328-7682
or (800) 531-5120
Fax: (512) 328-8559
Web Site:
http://www.ncfh.org

Principal Official:

E. Roberta Ryder
Executive Director

Established: 1975

The mission of NCFH is to improve the health status of farmworker families through the innovation application of human, technical, and information resources.

Publications:

Migrant Health Newsline and Farmworker News, newsletters; Migrant Health Centers Referral Directory; Migrant Clinicians Resource Guidelines; Pocket Directory, 1995; Recommendation of the National Advisory Council on Migrant Health; Under the Weather: Farmworker Health; Meal Planning for People with Diabetes; Migrant Health Status: Profile of a Population with Complex Health Problems; Blueprint for Migrant Health Care; Health Care Delivery for the Year 2000; HIV/AIDS: A growing Crisis among Migrant and Seasonal Farmworker Families; Farmworker Substance Abuse: An Action Plan for the Year 2000; and; Migrant Child Health.

Videotapes:

The Playing Field; Chasing the Sun; Siguiendo el Sol; Something in the Rain; The Road to Quality Migrant Health; Health Care in the Migrant Context: A Provider Orientation; Health for America's Harvesters; The Migrant Health Program; and Creating a Healthy Environment: A Patient Education Program.

Products:

America's Migrant Farmworkers Photo Exhibit; Who Are America's Farmworkers? Slide presentation; and; The Tool Box: A Health Curriculum Kit for Grades 1-3.

National Hispanic Institute (NHI)

P.O. Box 220
Maxwell, TX 78656
Tel: (512) 357-6137
Fax: (512) 357-2206
NHIinfo@AOL.COM

Principal Officials:

Ernesto Nieto
Executive Director

Gloria de Leon
Director of Programs

Established: 1979

The National Hispanic Institute's intent is to provide directed leadership to the Latino community. Targeting top Latino youth in high school and college, NHI conducts creative leadership training programs to develop students' self-marketing, networking, college planning and organizational development skills. Students also gain from NHI programs a renewed appreciation of the Latino community and realize opportunities for involvement in the community as future leaders.

Special Events:

Young Leaders Conference – February through June (Austin College, New Mexico Highland University); Lorenzo de Zavala Youth Legislative Session – June and July (University of New Mexico, Colorado State University, University of Chicago and Southwestern University); Collegiate World Series – June and July (University of Nevada, Las Vegas, University of Dallas and Knox College); and Collegiate Leadership Network – February (University of Texas at El Paso)

National Hispanic Leadership Conference (NHLC)

2727 Morgan Avenue
Corpus Christi, TX 78405
Tel: (512) 882-8284

Principal Officials:

Mr. Tony Bonilla
Chairman

Mr. Ruben Bonilla, Jr.
General Counsel

Established: 1985

The National Hispanic Leadership Conference (NHLC) is a Hispanic think tank engaged in problem solving, with special emphasis on substance abuse, educational opportunities, economic development, and Hispanics in foreign affairs.

Special Event:

Annual Meeting – Summer

National Society of Hispanic MBAs (NSHMBA)
P.O. Box 224747
Dallas, TX 75222-4747
Tel: (214) 428-1622
Fax: (214) 428-2254
E-Mail Address:
nshmba@sprintmail.com

Principal Officials:
Jesus Fernandez
National President
Fernando Inzunza
National Vice President
Maria Alvarez
National Secretary
Liz Munoz
National Treasurer

Established: 1988

The National Society of Hispanic MBAs is a nonprofit organization whose purpose is to advocate on behalf of Hispanic academic, professional and entrepreneurial excellence. The organization works to increase enrollment of Hispanics in business schools through informational outreach programs and financial assistance through the NSHMBA Scholarship Program.

Publication:
The Bottom Line, quarterly newsletter

SER-Jobs for Progress National, Inc.
100 Decker Drive, #200
Irving, TX 75062
Tel: (214) 541-0616
Fax: (214) 650-1800

Principal Officials:
Pedro L. Viera
President
Juan Constantino
Vice President, Operations

Established: 1964

SER is a nonprofit organization with educational and employment training centers throughout the U.S. This network of 48 affiliate offices serves disadvantaged individuals in providing job skills and literacy training with opportunities for employment.

Publication:
SER America, magazine

Special Event:
Annual Conference

Society of Mexican American Engineers and Scientists (MAES)

P.O. Box 17993
San Antonio, TX 78217

National Office
P.O. Box 6650
Torrance, CA 90504

Principal Officials:
Richard Martinez
President

Reynaldo Trevino
San Antonio Contact Person
(210) 977-2847

Established: 1974

The Society of Mexican American Engineers and Scientists was established to promote engineering and sciences for Mexican American and Hispanic students and to encourage the development of Hispanic engineering businesses.

Special Events:
Annual Symposium and Leadership Conference

Southwest Voter Registration Education Project (SVREP)

403 E. Commerce
Suite 220
San Antonio, TX 78205
Tel: (210) 222-0224
Fax: (210) 222-9011
Toll-free 800-404-VOTE

1712 W. Beverly Blvd.
Suite 201
Montebello, CA 90640
Tel: (213) 728-2700
Fax: (213) 728-4001
Toll-free 800-222-5654

Principal Officials:
Antonio Gonzalez
President

Lydia Camarillo
Executive Director

Established: 1974

The Southwest Voter Registration Education Project (SVREP) is a national 501(c)(3) nonprofit, nonpartisan, tax exempt organization committed to increasing the participation of Latino and other ethnic communities in the democratic process. SVREP has conducted over 1,000 voter registration and education campaigns in approximately 200 communities in the states of California, Arizona, New Mexico, Colorado, Texas, Oklahoma, Utah, Nevada, Idaho, Montana, Wyoming, South Dakota, and Washington. SVREP has grown to be the largest operation of its kind in the U.S. It receives no federal, state or local funding, relying solely on support from the private sector.

Southwest Voter Research Institute

403 E. Commerce
Suite 260
San Antonio, TX 78205
Tel: (210) 222-8011
Fax: (210) 222-8477

1712 W. Beverly Blvd.
Suite 201A
Montebello, CA 90640
Tel: (213) 728-5613
Fax: (213) 728-1020

Principal Officials:

Antonio Gonzalez
President

Annette Avina
Chief of Staff

Established: 1986

The Southwest Voter Research Institute is an international tax-exempt, nonprofit, nonpartisan organization that conducts research which is used to improve the level of political participation of Latinos. The Institute monitors the voting patterns and opinions of Latinos and their community leaders, provides expert testimony in vote dilution lawsuits, studies the impact of public policies on minority communities, and shares this information with elected officials so they can respond appropriately as responsible and well-informed policy makers. The Institute maintains several key programs including: Political Database; Litigation Support; Polling; Public Policy; the Latin America Project; 1990 Redistricting; Publishing; and Economic Development.

Publications:

The Publishing Program disseminates results of Institute research to Latino leaders, elected officials, other researchers and the general public.

Texas Association for Bilingual Education

6323 Sovereign Drive
Suite 178
San Antonio, TX 78229
Tel: (210) 979-6980 or
800-822-8930
Fax: (210) 979-6485

Principal Official:

Dr. Josefina Villamil Tinajero
President

Established: 1974

This is a statewide organization of bilingual educators and administrators.

Publication:

TABE Newsletter

Special Event:

Annual State Bilingual Conference

Texas Association of Chicanos in Higher Education

P.O. Box 140464
Austin, TX 78714

Principal Officials:
Daniel Hernandez
President

Dr. Velma Menchaca
Publications Editor
(512) 245-8359

Established: 1974

The Texas Association of Chicanos in Higher Education is a professional association committed to the improvement of educational and employment opportunities for Hispanics in higher education. The organization also confers scholarship and fellowship awards, as well as awards for meritorious and distinguished service.

Publication:
El Noticiero, monthly newsletter

Special Event:
Annual Conference

Texas Association of Mexican American Chambers of Commerce (TAMACC)

823 Congress Avenue
Suite 1414
Austin, TX 78701-2429
Tel: (512) 708-8823
Fax: (512) 708-1808
Web Site:
http://www.tamacc.org

Principal Officials:
Massey V. Villarreal
Chairman

Joe H. Morin
President

Established: 1976

The Texas Association of Mexican American Chambers of Commerce (TAMACC) is a non-profit organization created to promote business leadership, economic opportunities and legislative advocacy for the Hispanic business community. TAMACC is an association with over 11,000 constituents in 27 cities throughout Texas. Its objectives are to strengthen the coalition of Hispanic business owners around the state; to stimulate new business enterprises in Hispanic communities; to disseminate useful business data to its members; to serve as an advocate for Hispanic business in international trade development, consumer affairs and public policy; and to establish a positive image for Hispanic business and promote awareness of their resources.

Publication:
Sunshine, published quarterly

Special Events:
Annual Conference – July; Legislative Action Day and Gala – January during Texas legislative session

United States Mexico
Border Health Association

6006 N. Mesa Street
Suite 600
El Paso, TX 79912-4655
Tel: (915) 581-6645
Fax: (915) 833-4768
E-Mail: mail@usmbha.org
Web Site:
http://www.paho.org/english/hep/elpaso.htm

Principal Official

Xavier Leus, MD, MPH
Executive Director

Established: 1942

This organization has over 400 active members and collaborates with both Mexican and American governments to identify binational health problems and joint solutions. Further, it supports a network of public health workers on the border area, and through them promotes the design of health projects. It also disseminates scientific public health information.

Publications:

Border Health News, *Border Epidemiological Bulletin* and Sister Communities Border Health Profiles

Special Events:

Annual Binational Meeting (first week of June); Quarterly Binational Health Council Meetings of sister cities along the border

Number of Hispanic Elected Officials: 1,074

Number of Female Hispanic Elected Officials: 751

Source: The NALEO Educational Fund *1996 National Directory of Hispanic Elected Officials*

Commission on Latino Affairs Department of Human Rights
Lucas State Office Bldg.
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Des Moines, IA 50319
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Commission on Latino Affairs
3727 Second Avenue
Council Bluffs, IA 51501

Principal Officials
Olga Arellano
Chair
Sylvia Tijerina
Administrator

Established: 1975

The commission and its staff have worked continually to meet the critical needs of an ever increasing Iowa Latino community. This community numbers 55,000 Iowa Latino residents and grows another 4,000 when the migrant and seasonal farmworkers arrive. Critical areas of concern include: health; housing; employment and training; social welfare; criminal justice issues; and education.

Publications:
Governor's Reports, 1990-1991; *The Hispanics: A Missing Link in Public Policy*; *Conocieme en Iowa 1975*

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Commission on Spanish Speaking Affairs
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Principal Officials:
Joseph Genaro
Chairman
Annabell Droz-Berrios
Vice Chairman
Nestor Colon
Secretary
Joseph L. Mas
Executive Director

Established: 1977

The Commission is an Ohio state agency created to serve as an advocate for Ohio's Hispanics and to assist the governor and general assembly as an advisory body on all affairs affecting Hispanics residing in Ohio.

Publication:
HISPANIC, quarterly newsletter

Special Events:
Awards Recognition; Statewide Conference

Kansas Advisory Committee on Hispanic Affairs (KACHA)
117 SW 10th Avenue
Topeka, KS 66612
Tel: (913) 296-3465
Fax: (913) 296-8118

Principal Official:
Tina DeLaRosa
Executive Director

Established: 1971

The Kansas Advisory Committee on Hispanic Affairs is dedicating to improving the economic, social, and political position of the Hispanic community in Kansas, as well as to promoting the presence of Hispanics in all aspects of Kansas life, according to guidelines set by the legislature and in accordance with the highest standard of professional conduct.

Publications:
El Corrido, quarterly newsletter; *KACHA Legislative Update*

Michigan Commission on Spanish-Speaking Affairs

611 W. Ottawa
North Tower – Third Floor
Lansing, MI 48913
Tel: (517) 373-8339
Fax: (517) 335-1637

Principal Officials:
Carmen Munoz
Chairperson

Marylou Olivares Mason
Executive Director

Established: 1975

A state government agency created to serve the needs of Michigan's Hispanic people, this organization reviews all legislation introduced for possible implications on the Hispanic community. It also provides technical assistance to Hispanic agencies and serves as a clearing house of information. The main concerns addressed by the commission are education, employment, civil rights, health, housing, and care of the elderly. The Commission is funded by the Michigan State Legislature.

Publication:
El Informe, quarterly newsletter

Special Events:
Hispanic Heritage Ceremony – September 15 & 16; Michigan Higher Education Conference

Midwest Consortium for Latino Research (MCLR)

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East Lansing, MI 48824-1110
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E-Mail: MCLR-L@msu.edu
Web Site: http://www.indians.org/welker/mclr

Principal Officials:
Dr. Jose Cuello
Chair

Dr. Francisco Villarruel
Vice Chair

Dr. Lourdes Kuthy
Interim Executive Director

Established: 1990

The purpose of the Midwest Consortium for Latino Research (MCLR) is to provide leadership for the advancement of Latino scholars in midwestern institutions and research on Latinos in the Midwest.

Publications:
Electronic News Network; Reprint series on Latinos in the Midwest, in conjunction with the Julian Samora Research Institute

Special Event:
Annual Scholars Roundtable

Peruvian American Medical Society, Inc. (PAMS)

Administrative Office
6488 Timerlane Drive
West Bloomfield, MI 48322
Tel: (810) 851-2709
Fax: (810) 851-2944

Principal Official:
Ana May Salgado
Administrator

Established: 1973

The Peruvian American Medical Society is a nonprofit organization that seeks to unite physicians with the purpose of improving medical, educational and cultural relations between the United States and Peru. This organization sponsors, promotes and endorses activities that attempt to improve the health well-being and quality of life of Americans and Peruvians.

Special Events:
Annual Business Meeting, Medical Missions to Peru

State of Minnesota Chicano Latino Affairs Council (CLAC)

Dept. of Administration G-4
50 Sherburne Avenue
St. Paul, MN 55115-1402
Tel: (612) 296-9541
Fax: (612) 297-1297

Principal Officials:
Teresa Ojeda
Chair
Jim Carlson
Vice Chairperson
Margarita Zalamea
Executive Director

Established: 1978

This Council is a state agency which focuses on public policy. It advises the Governor and state legislature on issues which have an impact on Chicano Latino communities throughout Minnesota. CLAC holds regular public meetings to provide a forum throughout the state to debate issues and provide recommendations on future Council actions. The CLAC staff also engages in research, advocacy and communication to influence public policy and legislation.

Publications:
Al Dia, bimonthly newsletter; *Minnesota's Hispanic Community: A Profile* (1988); *1990 Hispanic Census Count* (for state of Minnesota, 1991); and *Child Protection Legislation: A Hispanic Initiative* (1991).

State of Nebraska Mexican-American Commission

P.O. Box 94965
Lincoln, NE 68509-4965
Tel: (402) 471-2791
Fax: (402) 471-4381

Principal Official:
Cecilia Olivarez Huerta
Executive Director

Established: 1972

The Nebraska Mexican-American Commission is a state agency created to act as an advocate for Nebraska's Hispanic population. It is governed by ten commissioners who are appointed by the Governor. The organization's responsibilities include collecting facts and statistics and making special studies of conditions and problems affecting the general welfare of Hispanics in the state. The Commission has five functional areas: advocacy and interagency cooperation, administration, referral, information dissemination, and research. Existing programs are evaluated and pro-Hispanic legislation is proposed to the Governor and state legislators.

Publication:
Mexican-American Commission Newsletter, quarterly, bilingual

Illinois

Luis Gutierrez (D-4th District)
Elected to serve in the 103rd Congress, 1992

Latino Institute
14 East Jackson Boulevard
Suite 1220
Chicago, IL 60604
Tel: (312) 663-8003
Fax: (312) 663-4023
E-Mail: LatinosI@aol.com

Principal Officials:
Angela Perez Miller
President
Migdalia (Millie) Rivera
Executive Director

Established: 1971

Latino Institute is a not-for-profit organization which promotes Latino progress through policy analysis, leadership development, and advocacy. The Institute's mission is to empower committed individuals and groups to obtain, for the Latino community, a fair share of public and private resources to improve the quality of life for the Latino community in the Chicago metropolitan area.

Publications:
Research publications on various issues; media lists; directory of organizations serving Latinos in Chicago; profiles of Latino communities; and fact sheets.

Special Event:
Annual Celebration Banquet

Mexican American Legal Defense & Educational Fund (MALDEF)

Regional Office
542 South Dearborn Street
Suite 750
Chicago, IL 60605
Tel: (312) 427-9363
Fax: (312) 427-9393

Principal Officials:
Antonia Hernandez
President and General Counsel

Alicia R. Chacon
Chair of the Board of Directors

Established: 1968

MALDEF is a national nonprofit organization whose principal objective is to protect and promote the civil rights of U.S. Latinos through litigation, advocacy, educational outreach, and the awarding of law school scholarships. Throughout its 29 years, MALDEF has been at the forefront of civil rights litigation in the areas of employment, education, immigration, voting and language. Its non-litigation programs, such as census adjustment and leadership training, address the means Latinos can use to effectively advocate for their communities and impact public policy. Headquartered in Los Angeles, MALDEF has regional offices in Los Angeles and San Francisco, California; San Antonio, Texas; Chicago, Illinois and Washington, DC, and four program offices throughout the Midwest and Southwest.

Publications:
MALDEF Newsletter, Annual Report, *Leading Hispanics* (Leadership Newsletter)

Special Events:
Annual Fund-raising Dinner (in regional offices) – dates vary according to each regional office

REFORMA The National Association to Promote Library Services to the Spanish Speaking

c/o American Library Association
50 E. Huron Street
Chicago, IL 60611
Tel: (915) 837-8124
Fax: (915) 837-8600

Principal Official:
Ed Erazo
(New Mexico State University)
President
Tel: (505) 646-6930
Fax: (505) 646-6940

Established: 1971

REFORMA is committed to improving the full spectrum of library and information services for the approximately 23 million Spanish-speaking and Hispanic people of the United States. REFORMA has actively sought the following: to promote the development of library collections and Hispanic-oriented materials; to recruit more bilingual and bicultural library professionals; to develop library services and programs which meet the needs of the Hispanic community; to lobby for preservation of existing library services for Hispanics; and to establish a national information and support network. It offers scholarships for graduate library study. REFORMA is affiliated with the American Library Association.

Special Event:
Annual Meeting held at the end of June

Northeastern Organizations

Number of Hispanic
Elected Officials: 143

Number of Female
Hispanic Elected Officials
51

Source: The NALEO Educational Fund,
1988 National Directory of Hispanic Elected Officials

Asociacion de Puertorriquenos en Marcha, Inc. (APM)

2147 N. 6th Street
Philadelphia, PA 19122
Tel: (215) 235-6788 or in New Jersey: (609) 338-9492
Fax: (215) 232-9450

Principal Officials:

Hilda Arriaga
President

Juan C. Soto
Vice President

Pedro Pagan
Treasurer

Edith Rodriguez
Secretary

Jesus M. Sierra, Ph.D.
Executive Director

Established: 1970

APM, Inc. is the largest and oldest human services organization serving the needs of Puerto Rican Latinos in Philadelphia, and opened a satellite office in New Jersey in 1996. The following are services it provides: Mental Health Services; D&A Outpatient Intensive Services for Youth & Adults; Early Intervention Program; Foster Care; SCOH Adolescent Program; Hispanic Family Preservation Program; Support Services for Latino Families; Case Management and Support for Homeless Persons; HIV/AIDS Education and Prevention Program (Programa Esmeralda); Latina Breast and Cervical Cancer Project; Family Planning Project; HIV Early Intervention and Risk Reduction Program; Emergency Family Food Shelter; APM Medical Clinics; Community Living Arrangement (CLA); Community Child Care Center; and Housing Counseling. Under APM Properties, Inc., the housing subsidiary of this agency, 150 units of affordable housing have been completed through One and Two APM Plazas, Jardines De Borinquen I, Proyecto Escalera, and the newly constructed Jardines de Borinquen II.

Publications:

Annual Journal Report; Quarterly Job Bank Newsletter

Special Events:

Annual Banquet – November; Annual Children's Christmas Party – December; Annual Health Fair – June

Casa Latina, Inc.
219 Main Street
Northampton, MA 01060
Tel: (413) 586-1569

Principal Officials:
Aixa Quiros and
Janet Gonzalez
Executive Council

Established: 1968

Casa Latina, Inc. is a cultural and community education center committed to the empowerment of Latinos throughout Western Massachusetts and to the full development and participation of Latinos in this culturally diverse community.

Governor's Advisory Commission on Latino Affairs
541 Forum Building
Harrisburg, PA 17120
Tel: (717) 783-8877

Principal Officials:
Angel L. Davila
Executive Director
Gladys Gonzalez
Administrative Assistant

Established: 1989

The Commission has been serving as an advocate for the Latino community throughout Pennsylvania. The Commission makes recommendations to the Governor on policies, procedures and legislation, which would make the state more responsive to the Latino community. It also assists local Latino communities in developing strategies and programs which will enhance their social and economic status. It serves as a resource to all departments, commissions and agencies to ensure that the Latino community benefits in an equitable fashion from their respective services and programs. Our focus is community empowerment and grassroots building.

Mauricio Gaston Institute for Latino Community Development and Public Policy

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Web Site:
http://www.umb.edu/centers&institutes

Principal Official:
Edwin Meléndez, Ph.D.
Director

Established: 1989

The Mauricio Gaston Institute was established at the University of Massachusetts at Boston through the initiative of Latino community activists, academicians, and the state legislature responding to the need for improved understanding of the Latino experience. The Institute seeks to inform policy makers about issues vital to the Commonwealth's growing Latino community and to provide this community with information and analysis necessary for effective participation in the formulation of public policy.

Publications:
Gaston Institute Report and various books (call for Publications List)

Multicultural Education, Training, and Advocacy (META)

240 A Elm Street
Suite 22
Somerville, MA 02144
Tel: (617) 628-2226
Fax: (617) 628-0322

Principal Officials:
Roger Rice
Co-Director

Peter Roos
Co-Director

Jane E. Lopez
Staff Attorney

Deborah Escobedo
Staff Attorney

Established: 1983

META is a national organization specializing in the educational rights of Hispanics and other linguistic minorities and migrant youth. META is dedicated to the full realization of the educational and personal potential of this vulnerable class of children, as well as the preservation of their cultural and linguistic identities. Services and programs include community advocacy and leadership development, policy analysis, research and dissemination, and legal representation in the area of education. META also maintains an office in San Francisco, California and Central Florida.

New Jersey

Robert Menendez (D-13th District)
Elected to serve in the 103rd Congress, 1992

La Casa de Don Pedro, Inc.

Executive Office
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Newark, NJ 07104
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LCDonPedro@aol.com
Web Site:
http://lacasa-tlc.org:40

Principal Officials
Angelo Gonzales
Executive Director
Maria Romero-Bosch
Director of Fund
Development and Public
Relations

Established: 1972

La Casa de Don Pedro, Inc. is a Hispanic agency offering clients a comprehensive network of social services that foster the individual's self-sufficiency and resourcefulness, and providing the community with economic development programs that effectively revitalize our neighborhoods.

New Jersey Department of Community Affairs

Center for Hispanic Policy, Research and Development
101 South Broad Street
CN 800
Trenton, NJ 08625-0800
Tel: (609) 984-3223
Fax: (609) 984-0386

Principal Officials:
Alicia Diaz
Director

Jeffrey Vega
Chairperson - Advisory Board

Established: 1975

The primary mission of the Center is to empower the Hispanic community in New Jersey through the process of inclusion in policy development and relevant services. The Center's general mandates include: the administration of grant dollars to Hispanic community-based organizations; technical assistance and referral services aimed at empowering Hispanic community-based organizations; the creation of training employment opportunities for Hispanic college interns (a source of potential leadership); and conduct and support research on Hispanics in New Jersey.

Hispanic Caucus-National Women's Political Caucus (NWPC)

P.O. Box 1546
Highland Park, NJ 08904-1546
Tel: (908) 985-3967
Fax: (908) 393-0295

Principal Official:
Carmen D. Diaz
Co-Chair

Established: 1971

The Hispanic Caucus of the National Women's Political Caucus represents the interests of Latinas within the Caucus, and was established to increase the number of progressive women at all levels of government, regardless of party affiliation. With a membership of more than 25,000, it is dedicated to getting more women elected and appointed to public office. It also provides campaign training several times a year at various locations in the United States.

Publication:
Women's Political Times newsletter

Special Event:
National Biennial Convention
Houston, Texas, August 12-17, 1997

New Jersey Puerto Rican Congress

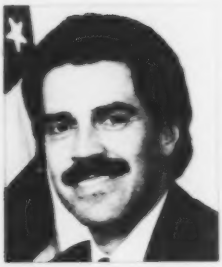
545 S. Broad Street
Trenton, NJ 08611
Tel: (609) 989-8888

Principal Official:
Lydia Valencia
Executive Director

Established: 1970

This is a nonprofit organization that works to coordinate all types of services to enhance the quality of life of Puerto Rican residents of the State of New Jersey. The Congress is governed by a board of directors selected each year at open local conventions in locations of high Hispanic population. This is an umbrella organization for 42 local Hispanic community-based organizations across the state.

Special Event:
Puerto Rican Convention – October



Jose E. Serrano (D-16th District)
Elected to fill a vacancy in the 101st Congress, 1990

Nydia Velazquez (D-12th District)
Elected to serve in the 103rd Congress, 1992

Association for Puerto Rican-Hispanic Culture, Inc.
c/o Peter Bloch
85 Park Terrace West, #6-A
New York, NY 10034
Tel: (212) 942-2538

Principal Officials:
Peter Bloch
President and Executive Director
Alberto Gurgou
Vice President
Carmen D. Lucca
Vice President

Established: 1965

The Association is a cultural not-for-profit organization established to acquaint people with the values and great figures of the Hispanic civilization, and to showcase Hispanic talent of the greater New York area. Major events take place at the Museum of the City of New York.

Publications:
Brochures and annual newsletter-magazine

Special Event:
Annual Rafael Hernández-Sylvia Rexach Festival – Fall

93rd

Association of Hispanic Arts, Inc. (AHA)

173 E. 116th Street
New York, NY 10029
Tel: (212) 860-5445

Principal Official
Sandra Perez
Executive Director

Established: 1975

AHA is a nonprofit organization dedicated to the advancement of Latino arts, artists and arts organizations. The organization facilitates projects and programs designed to foster the appreciation, growth and well-being of the Latino cultural community. AHA also provides technical assistance and information services.

Publications:
AHA! Hispanic Arts News, and *Hispanic Arts Organizations Directory*

Centro de Estudios Puertorriqueños

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The City University of New York
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New York, NY 10021
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centro@hunter.cuny.edu

Principal Official
Dr. Juan Flores
Director

Established: 1973

The Centro has promoted disciplined inquiry into matters of significance to Puerto Ricans and, as a result, its work has emerged as a critical force in the ongoing debate about Puerto Ricans and other excluded minorities. In addition, it is becoming increasingly recognized that the particularities of the Puerto Rican experience shed light on such global issues as the internationalization of the world economy, decolonization, inter-ethnic conflict, and enduring class, race and gender inequality. Over the years, the Centro's task forces—political economy, history, language and education, cultural studies and higher education, as well as the support units on media and the Centro Journal—have published materials that are original contributions to their respective fields and also serve the practical needs of the Puerto Rican community. The Centro's Library and Archives, which are open to students, researchers and the general public, contains extensive holdings related to the Puerto Rican experience. The Centro also houses the following programs: the Centro Faculty Fellows and Internship Program, the CUNY-UPR Academic Exchange Program, the CUNY-Caribbean Exchange, and the Puerto Rican Latino Education Roundtable.

Publication:
Centro Journal, published twice a year

Fiesta Folklorica Puertorriqueña, Inc.

P.O. Box 1607 Canal Street
New York, NY 10013
Tel: (212) 513-1076

Principal Officials:
Lucy Rivera
President

Sergio Ortiz
Public Relations

Established: 1966

This organization was established to preserve and promote the Puerto Rican culture in the United States.

Special Event:
Annual Festival at Central Park (72nd Street and Fifth Avenue) held on the last Sunday in August

Hispanic Policy Development Project (HPDP)

36 E. 22nd Street
9th Floor
New York, NY 10010
Tel: (212) 529-9323

Principal Official:
Mrs. Siobhan Oppenheimer-Nicolau
President

Established: 1981

The Hispanic Policy Development Project (HPDP), a private nonprofit organization, is a policy analysis group, focusing on the special characteristics and needs of the country's Hispanic population from ages 15 to 24. HPDP seeks to influence the development of positive public policy as it affects education and employment. HPDP publishes demographic studies, conducts surveys and polls, issues position papers, and convenes Hispanic and non-Hispanic leaders from business, government, professional groups, the media, and human services groups in seminars and conferences. HPDP is funded by corporate contributions.

Publications:
Three Aspects of Diversity: Equitable Access; the Collective Agenda; Hispanic Almanac; Handsome Dividends; Together is Better; Iver es un Placer; bilingual preschool books

Special Event:
Annual Aspen Seminar: Hispanic Americans and the Business Community – July

Institute for Puerto Rican Policy, Inc. (IPR)

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ipr-forum@igc.apc.org

Principal Officials:
Angelo Falcón
President

Jose R. Sanchez, Ph.D.
Chairperson

Established: 1982

A nonprofit and nonpartisan policy analysis organization concerned with issues affecting the Puerto Rican community in the United States, the Institute for Puerto Rican Policy (IPR) does not accept government funding to maintain its independence. IPR operates through funding from foundations, corporations, individuals and user fees. Institute activities revolve around three program areas: urban policy analysis, civic participation and policy networking. IPR sponsors the IPRNet Information Service on Puerto Rican Issues, a 2,500-member information sharing network that extends through 28 states, Washington, DC and Puerto Rico. Besides its ongoing publications (see below), IPR also regularly reports and sponsors forums on a variety of public policy issues.

Publications:
Periodicals include: *Critica: A Journal of Puerto Rican Policy & Politics* (monthly); *IPRNet News: Newsletter of the National Puerto Rican Policy Network*; and *IPR Datanotes on the Puerto Rican Community* (three times a year); 'Soy Boricua' Calendar (annual). Recent reports include: The New York City Latino Neighborhoods Databook (1996); The New York City Latino Voter Handbook (1996); Latino Immigrants and Electoral Participation (1996); and The IPR Guide to Puerto Rican and Other Latino Elected Officials in New York City (1995).

Special Event:
Annual Benefit Reception and Dance first Saturday in December.

El Museo del Barrio

1230 Fifth Avenue
(at 104th Street)
New York, NY 10029
Tel: (212) 831-7272
Fax: (212) 831-7927

Principal Officials:
Susana Torruella Leval
Executive Director

Carolina Ponce de Leon
Curator

Established: 1969

El Museo del Barrio is dedicated to collecting, preserving and interpreting the artistic heritage of Latin Americans in the United States. El Museo's mission is reflected in its permanent collection of 8,000 objects and its varied programming of contemporary and historical exhibitions, public programs, publications, educational activities and special events. El Museo is located at the top of Museum Mile in the Heckscher Building, directly across from the Central Park Conservancy Garden. In recent years, El Museo has broadened the scope of its mission, collections and programs to represent the rapidly growing diverse Latino communities from the Americas. The museum also continues to emphasize its founding spirit to collect, preserve and disseminate Puerto Rican art and culture. By deepening knowledge of the Latin American cultural heritage, El Museo's exhibitions and programs champion its Latino public's sense of identity and broadens the general public's awareness of the richness of Latin American cultures.

Publications:
Bilingual catalogs are published with every exhibition; newsletter; calendar of events

Special Events:
Three Kings' Day Parade; Museum Mile Festival; National Latino Film and Video Festival; and Family Day

National Association of Puerto Rican Hispanic Social Workers, Inc.

Post Office Box 651
Brentwood, NY 11717
Tel: (516) 864-1536

Principal Officials:
Eva Figueroa, Esq.
President

Angelina Martinez, Esq.
Treasurer

Established: 1983

The National Association of Puerto Rican Hispanic Social Workers, Inc. is a professional organization offering workshops, advocacy, lobbying, and scholarships.

Publication:
Quarterly newsletter

Special Events:
Professional Development Workshops; Conferences; Annual Dinner Dance Awards

National Latinas Caucus (NLC)

853 Broadway
5th Floor
New York, NY 10003
Tel: (212) 614-2805

Principal Official:
Ms. Yolanda Sanchez
President

Established: 1985

The National Latinas Caucus (NLC) deals primarily with issues of concern to Latinas. The principal goal of this organization is to empower women in local communities by organizing and developing networks around issues of common concern, to provide opportunities for personal and professional advancement; and to foster a stronger sense of self-awareness. Special projects include "El Barrio Renaissance"- an effort to create low and moderate income residential units by renovating city-owned vacant buildings, and Economic Leadership Development mini-courses for Latinas.

Publications:
A community newspaper—*Vision*, published bimonthly

Special Event:
Annual Conference – March

National Puerto Rican Forum, Inc. (NPRF)

51 East 42nd Street
4th Floor
New York, NY 10016
Tel: (212) 685-2311
Fax: (212) 685-2369

Principal Officials:
Eric Soto
Chair

Patricia K. Fernandez
Vice Chair

Coni Batlle
President and CEO

Established: 1957

NPRF is a nonprofit organization that strives to advance the socioeconomic conditions of Latinos and other disadvantaged groups through programs, research, advocacy and direct services in education, economic development, job training and placement. The Forum offers programs in Chicago, Illinois as well as the Bronx and Manhattan in New York. NPRF is a member of the Hispanic Association on Corporate Responsibility, the National Hispanic Leadership Agenda and various other groups working to increase Latino participation in the public and private sectors. 1997 marks the Forum's 40th year of service. The organization will continue to present a national series of symposia on public policy topics related to workforce development in America.

Publication:
Educational and Vocation Resource Directory, New York City

Special Events:
Public Policy Series: The State of Workforce Development in America (March 5; May 22; June 19; September 11; and November 20) and 40th Anniversary Baile on June 12, 1997 in New York City

Puerto Rican Association for Community Affairs (PRACA)

853 Broadway
Fifth Floor
New York, NY 10003
Tel: (212) 614-2900
Fax: (212) 529-8917

Principal Officials:
Alicia Cardona
Chairperson

Yolanda Sanchez
Executive Director

Established: 1953

The Puerto Rican Association for Community Affairs is an advocacy and social services organization which focuses primarily on the needs of children. The original mission of PRACA was to assist newly arriving Puerto Rican families to adjust to the complexities of life on the mainland, while maintaining the integrity of their cultural heritage.

Puerto Rican Legal Defense and Education Fund (PRLDEF)

99 Hudson Street
14th Floor
New York, NY 10013
Tel: (212) 219-3360
Fax: (212) 431-4276

Principal Official:
Juan A. Figueroa
President and General Counsel

Established: 1972

PRLDEF is a national civil rights organization established to protect the civil rights of Puerto Ricans and other Latinos and to ensure their equal protection under the law. PRLDEF accomplishes its mission through litigation, advocacy, and creative legal education programs. Through the Legal Education Division, PRLDEF strives to increase the number of Latino attorneys serving our community. The Division offers workshops and counseling to students interested in pursuing a legal career.

Publication:
PRLDEF in the News

Special Events:
Annual Awards Banquet – Fall, and Fiesta de Salsa – Spring

Tahuantinsuyo

P.O. Box 2340
Astoria, NY 11102
Tel: (718) 728-1795

Principal Official:
Guillermo Guerrero
President

Established: 1974

This nonprofit organization was established to research and perform the traditional dance and music from the six Andean countries. Tahuantinsuyo was invited to perform in the former Soviet Union and also has recorded Andean folk music.

Publication:
Arts in Education Guide

Special Events:
Concerts and lectures for students, the elderly, and for people with emotional problems

Building Community— New Challenges for a New Era

As we rapidly approach the beginning of a new century, the Congressional Hispanic Caucus Institute offers the following resources for Latino communities. Creative solutions to many problems faced by our community traditionally have been found at the local level, through strong grassroots organizing. This directory contains many organizations that began as small, locally-based efforts. CHCI encourages the community activists of the 21st century to get busy and, more importantly, to get back to basics.

Start with your local library. See if you can find the following two books:

Pick, Maritza *How to Save Your Neighborhood, City, or Town: the Sierra Club Guide to Community Organizing*. San Francisco: Sierra Club Books, 1993.

Shaw, Randy *The Activist's Handbook: A Primer for the 1990s and Beyond*. Berkeley: University of California Press, 1996.

Pick is a veteran activist who has directed her efforts at environmental issues. Her book reflects that activism, but it addresses fundamental activism at the grassroots level, and offers basic "how to" strategies that can be easily adapted to local issues.

Shaw is director and supervising attorney for the Tenderloin Housing Clinic in San Francisco, California. His book emphasizes the importance of community activists being proactive, rather than reacting to others' agendas. Creating a community agenda and then focusing resources to achieve it is key to successful community building.

Contact the following organizations for information on community building and grassroots organizing:

The National Association of Neighborhoods (NAN)

1651 Fuller Street, NW
Washington, DC 20009
Tel: (202) 332-7766

NAN can assist with entrepreneurial development programs in public housing, community policing programs, peer advisory programs, and more.

Community Organizing and Family Issues (COFI)

3130 North Seminary
Chicago, IL 60657
Tel: (312) 477-3847
E-Mail Address: cofi312@aol.com

COFI is working in Chicago neighborhoods to combine traditional community organizing with the support of community empowerment programs. Co-founder Ellen Schumer says that building stronger families and building stronger communities are part of the same process. To get a better sense of how COFI approaches community organizing, read the article "Community Building & Community Organizing: Issues in Creating Effective Models." This can be accessed on the Internet at **http://www.nhi.org/online/issues/85/combuild.html**.

Using the Internet for Community Organizing

In July 1996, the CHCI Web Site was launched, allowing the Institute to take an initial step into technologically advanced methods of communication. Our site can be accessed at **http://www.chci.org**. Watch for announcements on upcoming online conferences for discussion of legislative issues that affect our communities.

A growing number of organizations listed in this edition of the National Directory of Hispanic Organizations maintain Web Sites. How can community organizing be served by the Internet and the World Wide Web? A number of organizations are addressing this issue in very creative ways.

LibertyNet is a local Internet access provider in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. It is sponsored by

Philadelphia's economic development agencies, public radio, libraries and school districts. In 1994, LibertyNet unveiled "Neighborhoods Online," a project that recruits and trains neighborhood-based nonprofit organizations to use the Internet. For more information, visit the web site at **http://libertynet.org**. Ed Schwartz, the creator of "Neighborhoods Online," has written "NetActivism: How Citizens Use the Internet," published by O'Reilly and Associates (1996). For more information, contact:

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These are only a handful of examples of how communities across the country are beginning to harness the organizing capabilities of the Internet. Let us know how your community is doing via e-mail: chci@chci.org.

The Institute

The Congressional Hispanic Caucus Institute, Inc. (CHCI Institute) is a nonprofit and nonpartisan educational organization established in 1978. The Institute was founded as the vehicle for the development of the next generation of Hispanic leadership. This is accomplished through programs designed to familiarize Hispanic students with policy-related careers in both the public and private sectors, as well as afford them the opportunity for professional growth and development. CHCI has also dedicated significant resources to the development of a national clearinghouse on educational opportunities for Hispanic students.

The Hispanic Leadership Opportunity Program (HLOP) and the Graduate Fellowship Program (GFP) offer nine-month internships to college graduates and graduate students. Participants are placed in congressional offices, federal agencies, the media, and national advocacy organizations, as well as government-related institutions. Fellows are afforded the opportunity for substantive research and written work on policy issues.

The Summer Internship Program is a two-month program offering college-bound high school graduates and currently enrolled college undergraduates the opportunity to work on Capitol Hill.

The National Clearinghouse: CHCI serves as a national clearinghouse for educational programs and financial aid opportunities. Through its toll free line, 1-800-EXCEL DC, the Institute provides Hispanic students with information on scholarships, grants and loans. The Institute publishes and distributes the Educational Quarterly, a newsletter aimed at high school students, containing college profiles and other information related to attaining higher education.

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The CHCI Annual Gala is the highlight of Hispanic Heritage Month celebrations in our nation's capital. This is the largest national gathering of Hispanic elected officials, community leaders and corporate representatives.

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The Congressional Hispanic Caucus Institute recognizes the value of a great many community-based organizations whose work is to be commended, and whose number is far too large to be included in this publication. An excellent source for local organizations is the publication "Anuario Hispano-Hispanic Yearbook," published by T.I.Y.M. Publishing Company, 1489 Chain Bridge Road, Suite 200, McLean, Virginia 22101. Tel: (703) 734-1632; Fax: (703) 356-0787; E-Mail Address: TIYM@aol.com

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